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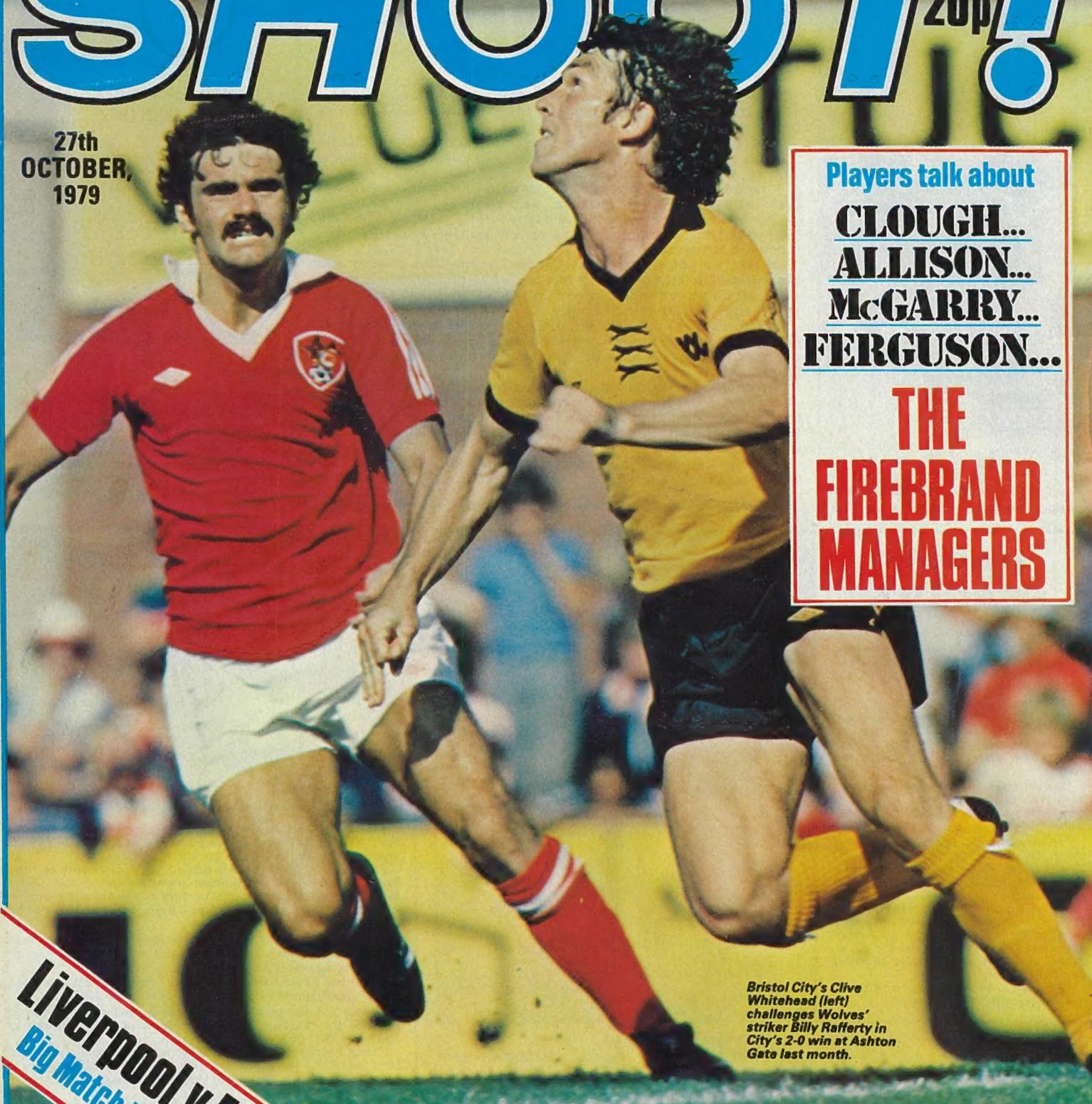
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Bristol City's Clive
Whitehead (left)
challenges Wolves'
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City's 2-0 win at Ashton
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Charlie's Saints Darling



A NEW-LOOK Charlie George is emerging at Southampton. That's the claim from George's front-running partner at The Dell, Phil Boyer.

Boyer is forging an impressive partnership with fit-again Charlie ... and Boyer is enthusiastic about the form and style of the ex-Arsenal and Derby County star.

"Charlie is getting better and better with every game and he has really helped us to start buzzing," said Boyer.

"We had two great wins in five days recently; beating Wrexham 5-0 in the League Cup and then overturning Liverpool 3-2 on the following Saturday.

"It was no coincidence that Charlie George was playing and playing well in both games. He has made a terrific difference to the side and he scored a crucial goal in the match against Liverpool which took us through to victory.

"Charlie has made a big difference to me. He is really on song right now and that's great for him because he has found it hard to get back to form. But now he is coming on great and his touches are tremendous.

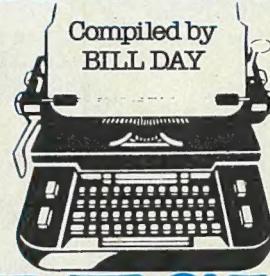
"I reckon he's a different player these days because he's been doing well in the air, as well as on the ground. You don't normally think of him for his aerial power but he's almost filled the gap left by our target man Ted MacDougall, and has done well not only on the ground but also in the air.

"Charlie was really tremendous against both Wrexham and Liverpool and he's going to cause everyone problems in that form."

NEVER before have there been so many players in the game who all scored in the very first minute of their Football League debut match or with their first kick. All these did it: Peter Ward (Brighton), Keith Bertschin (Birmingham), Graham Baker (Southampton), Bob Hatton (Luton), Jeremy Charles (Swansea), and Terry Gaffney (Hartlepool).

NEWS

Compiled by
BILL DAY



DESK

SWANSEA City have published a year book for the first time. Its 96 pages are full of interesting facts and figures plus photographs of all the players. It has been written by Welsh sports writer Jim Hill, of the Daily Express, with the assistance of Peter Jackson, Daily Mail, and John Burgam, South Wales Evening Post. Good value at £2.50.

HAPPY SEAGULL

MANY players find it a big jump when they move out of the Second Division into the First, but Peter O'Sullivan (dark shirt) has revelled in the opportunity.

Midfield player O'Sullivan, now in his testimonial season with The Seagulls, whom he joined ten years ago on a free transfer from Manchester United, just couldn't be happier playing in the top sphere.

"It's all I ever dreamed it could be," says Welsh cap O'Sullivan. "In fact you can liken soccer in the First to international football."

"There is such an appreciation of skill there. And, of course, there is much skill in the First. We came up from the Second last season and the difference is so noticeable.

"There's quite a bit of kicking goes on at Second Division level and once that starts a lot of players join in. I have never liked to see players kicking out at others and have always tried to avoid anything like that.

"Football is a skilful game and that's the way it should be played."



A CORKER!

DAVE Wiggington, has joined Cork United.

This is the third Cork club that Nottingham-born Dave has played for. He went to Cork in 1969 to join Cork Hibernians. When Hibs went out of football in 1976 so did Wiggle, but he made a comeback with Cork Celtic last season.

He was the only ever-present with the dispute-ridden Celtic, who were eventually kicked out of the League.

RAITH Rovers have signed Hibs midfield player Pat Carroll in a bid to strengthen their promotion prospects to the Premier Division next season. Carroll (21) had been at Easter Road six years having joined them straight from school.

TREVOR'S GAG SLIPS

BRIAN Clough has put a gag on Trevor Francis talking to the national Press but seems happy to allow his England striker to break his silence in regional papers.

For the benefit of readers denied the opportunity to read Trevor's column in the Wolverhampton Express and Star, I bring you extracts from his version of the mystery trip he made to hospital and that "clear the air" Press conference he gave at Nottingham Forest.

Says Francis, "I was only too pleased to attend the Press conference at which Peter Taylor and myself cleared the air about my future at Forest.

"That has never been in doubt, but so many rumours were flying about something had to be done about it ...

"I was only too glad to go because, quite frankly, I was fed up with the rumours and it gives both of us the chance to deny any hint of a rift.

"Then having got that out of the way and thinking I would fade out of the news until my return to the Forest line-up, just the opposite happened when I spent five hours in a Coventry hospital ...

"The reason for my visit was purely personal and nothing else and I have no intention of letting anyone know why I went there."

Francis returned to hospital a few days later — to visit his former Birmingham team-mate Malcolm Page, who is recovering from a cartilage operation.

His wife, Helen, too, will make the papers soon. She is expecting a baby.

Jim's visa problem

JIM Hermiston, former Aberdeen and Scottish World Cup squad star could be deported from Australia! The Brisbane Lions defender and one of the best players "Down Under" has committed no crime except that his temporary work visa expires in October next year.

He can not obtain permanent residency in the role of professional footballer. However, Jim, an invaluable coach for Junior and Youth Teams in Queensland, may not be caught "Flat Footed".

You see he is reported to be considering joining the Queensland Police Force which will enable him to "Beat" this "Arresting Situation".

Australian Soccer cannot afford to lose a key player in circumstances like this.

Such is his ability that Australia National Coach, Rudi Guttendorf, has said of the brilliant Scot that if he had been born here he would represent Australia in the next World Cup Series.

CAN any non-League club beat the £106,000 profit of Scarborough? The Yorkshire club claim it is a record. With a quarter-million pound assets, and plans for a £150,000 grandstand, Scarborough hope their Football League ambitions will soon be realised.

AFTER years up-front as a midfielder, Airdrie's Tommy Walker is enjoying a new lease of life at full-back. Tommy was drafted into the right-back position in an emergency during a League Cup tie against Dundee United at Tannadice. Now he looks like staying there.



Centurion

HIBS inside-forward Ally MacLeod (above), who recently made his 200th appearance for the Edinburgh side, is about to achieve another milestone in his career — his 100th goal as a Hi-Bee.

During his four years at Easter Road Ally's best season was 1977-78 when during a run of 62 appearances, including a tour of Canada, he scored 48 goals. Despite his scoring rate Ally has still to score a "hat-trick" in a green and white jersey.

THE second time around is proving quite successful for John Lathan, back with Mansfield this season following a two-year stint with them in 1974-76.

Mansfield, who got £10,000 for him when allowing him to go to Carlisle in February, 1976, had to pay Portsmouth £20,000 to get him back.

BOWYER QUILTS

INJURY-plagued Bangor midfielder Eric Bowyer has finally decided to call it a day.

Before his 1978-79 arrival at Claneboye Park, stylish Eric had earned virtually every domestic honour in a lengthy top-class career with Linfield, his medal haul including Irish League and Cup awards, the 1975 "Ulster Footballer of the Year" accolade, plus Northern Ireland recognition at Youth, Junior and Amateur international level.

Ball-playing Bowyer's premature retirement, at 31, has saddened many people in the Irish game.

TONY Brown's penalty-winner for West Brom in their League Cup Third Round tie against Coventry City at The Hawthorns was Bomber's first goal for 16 matches... the longest lean spell of his career.

LAST season 'Soccer Reporter', the Eire football paper offered £1,000 to the first player to score 26 League goals. That target was not reached and this season the figure has been reduced to 20 goals.

And a newspaper has offered to supply a special trophy for the top scorer in the League. There will also be an award for the keeper with most shut-outs.

PARKIN'S NIGHT



FULL-BACK Derek Parkin has been granted a testimonial by Wolverhampton Wanderers and although no opponents have yet been fixed the match is scheduled for Monday, November 12. Derek is in his 12th year at Molineux and has played more than 400 games for Wolves since his £60,000 move from Huddersfield Town.

AFTER three seasons out of League football, Peter Conway made a comeback for Drogeda United against St Patrick's Athletic recently. Peter had broken a leg while playing for Pat's against Drogeda in 1976.

PADDY Mulligan's move back to Shamrock Rovers has given him the opportunity to follow the fortunes of Galway's hurlers once again. But despite his presence in the Galway dug-out, they lost the All-Ireland Final to Kilkenny recently.

Bubbles book

THE complete history of West Ham... the story of the club's theme song Bubbles... statistics... colour-photos of the team... comment from manager John Lyall and much more in this excellent Year Book, edited by Jack Helliar and available from Helliar & Sons, 235-237 Barking Road, Plaistow, London E13. Price £1.50 (plus 30 p.p.), or Sales Service, West Ham United, Green Street, London E.13.

FACTastic

TV personality Jimmy Hill was no Trevor Francis as a player, yet he achieved a feat credited to only six others in the Football League since the War. He scored five goals for Fulham in a Second Division away match against Doncaster Rovers in March, 1958.

KEEGAN AND MATTHEWS TEAM-UP

STANLEY Matthews and Kevin Keegan, two players who have graced the turf at Wembley Stadium with such distinction for England, shrank two decades when they marched on to the pitch shoulder to shoulder.

They were there to greet the stadium's 100,000th tour visitor.

Paul Smetham a 14-year-old pupil from St. Thomas the Apostle School, Peckham, unaware of the surprise in store, was met at the bottom of the players' tunnel by these

two soccer giants and led out with his school mates on to the famous Wembley turf.

He was then presented with a suitably inscribed and autographed football to mark the occasion and the two players then joined the rest of the party to sign autographs in the gift shop.

Not only was the occasion an overwhelming one for young Paul, but also a great treat for the players who had never had the opportunity of meeting before but had a

mutual appreciation for each other's fine achievements.

Sir Stanley had flown in from America especially for the occasion and Kevin Keegan had come straight from an England training session.

Wembley Stadium Tours have been in operation for two years and are now well established as one of the major tourist attractions in and around London popular with old and young alike and visited by tourists from every part of the world.

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EUROPEAN CUPS PREVIEW

WHILE most of the attention of the First Round was focussed on the early elimination of Liverpool, fans in Scotland had plenty to cheer about... apart from the exit of the Anfield Reds. RANGERS and DUNDEE UNITED, against the odds, overcame tough opposition in the shape of Fortuna Dusseldorf and Anderlecht. Add CELTIC, who had more problems getting to Albania than eventually beating Partizani, and Scotland can be proud of its clubs' performances in Europe so far.

Rangers seem destined never to have an easy tie. Last season it was Juventus, PSV and 1.FC Cologne; after Fortuna Dusseldorf it's Valencia, complete with Mario Kempes and Rainer Bonhof. Valencia are now managed by the great Alfredo di Stéfano, who, with Real Madrid 19 years ago, graced Hampden Park when the Spanish club beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3.

Di Stéfano's welcome in Glasgow may not be so ecstatic this time and it would be dangerous to go against the Light Blues, despite their slow start to the League campaign.

Celtic have an easier task, facing DUNDALK from the Republic of Ireland... at least travelling to Ireland will be somewhat less hazardous than Albania! The Parkhead side seem booked for the last eight and, perhaps, a tie with Nottingham Forest.

Dundee United drew Diosgyoer of Hungary and after their confidence-boosting victory over star-

studded Anderlecht have high hopes of advancing even further. Jim McLean's exciting young side certainly deserve wider recognition.

Meanwhile, in England, many Euro hopes were shattered by a combination of tough draws and bad performances. NOTTINGHAM FOREST now fly the European Cup flag and they have a tricky journey to Dracula country; Pitesti, home of Arges, is, as one observer commented, 60 miles north west of Bucharest as the bat flies.

Arges are not having a good season in the League, but their striker Radu is the leading scorer. Forest have never lost a European Cup-tie and they should preserve that record in Transylvania.

ARSENAL manager Terry Neill has been in contact with his former Highbury team-mate Arfon Griffiths, the Wrexham boss. The Welsh club were beaten by FC Magdeburg in the First Round and Griffiths has been passing on some tips. "Arsenal can win," he says.

After flexing their Euro muscles against Skeid of Oslo, IPSWICH TOWN have a sterner test when they take on Grasshoppers of Zurich. The Portman Road side often save their best form for Europe and they should reach the last 16 of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

LEEDS UNITED, like Forest, have Rumanian opposition and Univ. Craiova — on League form — will be hard nuts to crack. They are joint-top of the Rumanian League, while the Elland Roarers haven't

SCOTS SHOW ENGLISH CLUBS THE WAY

Arsenal's Frank Stapleton and Brian Talbot are thwarted by Erol of Fenerbahce at Highbury.



Rangers (dark shirts) gained a tremendous 0-0 draw in Dusseldorf to go through.

EURO DRAWNS

EUROPEAN CUP. — Nottm. Forest v. Arges Pitesti (Rum) — Celtic v. Dundalk — Hamburg v. Dinamo Tbilisi (Rus) — FC Porto (Port) v. Real Madrid — Vejle BK (Den) v. Hajduk Split (Yug) — Ajax v. Omonia Nicosia — Dynamo Berlin v. Servette Geneva — Dukla Prague v. Racing Strasbourg.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP. — Arsenal v. FC Magdeburg (EG) — Valencia v. Rangers — Aris Bonnevoie (Lux) v. Barcelona — Pamionios Athens v. Gothenburg — Tokomotiva Kosice (Cz) v. Rijeka (Yug) — Nantes v. Steaua Bucharest — Dinamo Moscow v. Boavista Porto (Port) — Beroe. Stara Zagora (Bul) v. Juventus.

U.E.F.A. CUP. — Grasshoppers Zurich v. Ipswich — Univ. Craiova (Rum) v. Leeds — Dundee Utd v. Diosgyoer (Hung) — Borussia MG v. Inter Milan — Aarhus (Den) v. Bayern Munich — Red Star Belgrade v. Carl Zeiss Jena — Zbrojovka (Cz) v. FC Keflavik (Icel) — PSV Eindhoven v. St-Etienne (Fr) — Sporting Lisbon v. FC Kaiserslautern (WG) — Dinamo Bucharest v. Eintracht Frankfurt — Lokomotiv Sofia v. AS Monaco — Standard Liege v. Napoli — Feyenoord v. Malmoe — Aris Saloniaka v. Pergua — Dynamo Dresden v. Stuttgart — Banik (Cz) v. Dinamo Kiev.

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THE saying "lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice" must have been coined before football was invented.

For the second successive season the same bolt from the blue struck Liverpool out of the First Round of the European Cup.

Last year our conquerors were Nottingham Forest, who went on to win the trophy, this time Russian Champions Dinamo Tbilisi.

It's doubly ironic this should happen the first time we play a team from the USSR in 17 years of European competition.

Although we won the first-leg and lost in the second, the seeds of our dismissal were sown at Anfield. There, we committed the cardinal sin of conceding a goal at home and taking only a one-goal lead to our second encounter.

But I must give full credit to the Russians, who were not at all overawed by the sight of Anfield and our packed Kop with its fanatical chanting (something I understood after experiencing the atmosphere of their ground later), and played some extremely good football.

We may have been guilty of underrating Tbilisi and not gearing ourselves to the necessary mental pitch.

They were superior in the first half at Anfield, and when we came into the dressing room at the break, with a slender lead of 2-1, our boss, Bob Paisley, and his assistants, dealt us some home truths.

We went out determined to increase our lead, but despite dominating the opposition so much they didn't get a single shot at goal, we failed.

It's no excuse their 'keeper made

several good saves. We should have scored at least once from the chances we created.

I said on radio before we went out for the second-leg that I felt we would need to score at least once in the 90 minutes to cancel out Tbilisi's twin advantages of an away goal and playing at home.

There was also the threat that a dubious refereeing decision could grant them the solitary goal they needed to go through to the Second Round.

In a previous column I mentioned a fear the Russians would find ways and means of prolonging our 3,000 mile trip to Georgia, such as delaying us at Customs — something that has happened in other Iron Curtain countries — but they surprised me by making the trip as quick and comfortable as possible.

It took only eight hours. Five hours — if you allow for the time difference.

From our hotel in Tbilisi we could see their Lenin Stadium, which resembles our Wembley without

'FROM RUSSIA

the twin towers.

The next day we trained at the stadium, which is all-seated and with a running track around the pitch. Its surface was rather uneven, but the grass was cut immediately before the match on the Wednesday evening, and that combined



with the rain in the days beforehand and for most of the game made it suitable for accurate passing.

The Russian hospitality shown to us was blemished by a demonstration by hundreds of people brandishing torches and marching around the hotel at four a.m. on match day. It woke us all up at a time when sleep is deepest and most relaxing, and certainly didn't help.

There's no way I'll believe the whole thing wasn't deliberately planned, and that the authorities didn't turn a blind eye. Russia isn't exactly the place where public demonstrations are encouraged.

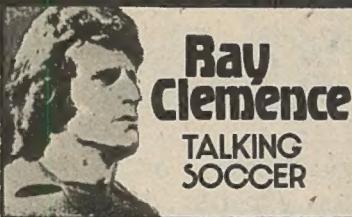
Better side

An interrupted night's sleep coupled with jet-lag can't be the best possible preparation for a vital game in a far away place with a strange-sounding name!

As we filed out for the match and looked around the stadium we were convinced it was filled to its 100,000 capacity. The official attendance of 78,000 released afterwards stretched our credibility.

In the first-half we looked the better side, silencing a crowd that deafened us for the first twenty minutes with its mighty roaring.

So we went in at half-time fairly



'The Georgians played extremely well'

Graeme Souness fails to break through the Tbilisi defence.



WITH NOTHING'

satisfied with our performance, although we felt like kicking ourselves for not pushing forward more and scoring the goal that would have lifted the pressure from us on to the Georgians.

As we went out to resume, our assistant-manager Joe Fagan reminded us not to rely on our one-goal lead from the first-leg and to try to increase it.

For some inexplicable reason we just didn't sustain the rhythm of the first-half, and at the worst possible period, in the opening ten minutes, allowed Tbilisi to make the vital breakthrough they needed.

Unfortunately it started on our

not out yet. One goal would still see us through.

If luck had been on our side we would have done it — and luck plays such a big part in Cup football.

Terry McDermott lashed in a free-kick, which was deflected and went just three inches outside one post with the 'keeper absolutely helpless!

The second goal we gave away will give our midfield and defence nightmares for the rest of the season at least.

Their left-back picked the ball up in the middle of his own half, ran with it past four of our players

By now the noise from the crowd was unbelievable, just like that at Liverpool when we beat St-Etienne to take us through to the 1977 European Cup Semi-Final.

Our attacks lacked the usual control and self discipline. We left spaces, and into one of them dashed their number nine, the Russian Player of the Year. As he crashed down in the 18-yard area the referee stunned us all by awarding a penalty against Phil Thompson.

The player had merely dived over Phil's outstretched leg without making contact!

To cap a disastrous evening, I threw myself the wrong way and the ball went behind me.

With only ten minutes to go we needed a miracle to peg back two goals.

In the dressing-room afterwards the gloom was so deep, with no one speaking and heads slumped into laps, we looked like candidates for a firing squad.

Lightning had hit us twice in the same place, and to a great extent we were to blame. Out of the European Cup again — in the First Round against an unseeded side.

So we returned from Russia with nothing.

The implications are the same as last season. Disruption to the training schedule of a team geared to playing two games a week, and the huge financial loss involved.

The solution is a series of friend-

'We failed to score enough goals at Anfield'

left flank where young Colin Irwin was doing so well in his first outing in the left-back position, helped by Ray Kennedy.

The Russians' number ten, who had caused all sorts of problems, beat Alan Hansen on a sixpence and hammered the ball low and hard across the edge of the six-yard box.

As the ball evaded Phil Thompson, I glimpsed two Russians moving in, so I raced out and got a hand to it. Unfortunately, I deflected the ball on to the thigh of one of the Russians, and it rebounded into our net.

That goal gave them a terrific psychological boost. But we were

without being tackled and reached our 18-yard line before someone blocked his path. With admirable coolness he passed to a team-mate on his left. I dived at this man's feet, only for the ball to be chipped over my head into the net.

The man who deserves the credit is the full-back with his 60-yard unchallenged run — probably unique in the history of Liverpool Football Club. I can't imagine it ever happening again.

We were still in with a chance. A goal to level the aggregate scores would take the game into extra-time, and we fancy ourselves to beat most teams in that eventuality.

lies arranged with top class foreign opposition, and to go for all three domestic honours.

Unlike last season at this stage, though, when we were playing well and had accumulated a number of points that formed a good launching pad from which to go for the Championship, we have struggled.

It's important we remind ourselves that the title race isn't a five furlong one but a Grand National over a long distance.

The gloom on Merseyside wasn't confined to the Liverpool fans. Everton also went out — to Dutch aces Feyenoord, whom we played in a pre-season friendly and beat only on penalties after a 2-2 draw at the end of extra-time.

Goals scarce

This Saturday both sets of supporters will forget the black night of October 3 and instead be looking forward to one of their two special Matches of the Day, when Liverpool play Everton at Anfield.

Last season The Blues went home with a point, after taking both at Goodison Park.

As usual, they'll be playing tightly at the back, so it's important we take advantage of any chances presented.

Goals are scarce in derby games. Here's hoping the winner lands in George Wood's net and not mine!

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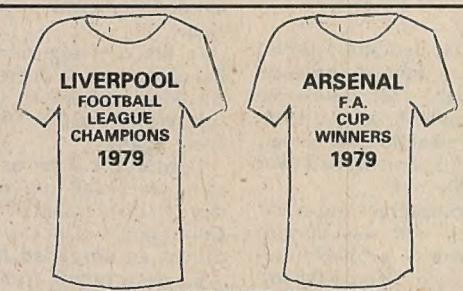
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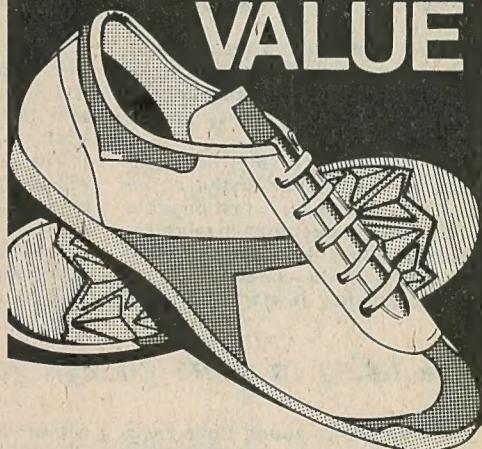
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'A 10,000 CROWD - TO WATCH CELTIC TRAIN'

I PROMISED you the low-down on the mystery world of Albania where Celtic had to go to play the first-leg of our European Cup First Round tie.

And although it was not as black as the picture we had painted for us before our departure to that land of mystery and imagination, I can tell you this . . . I never want to be transferred to Partizani Tirana or any of their fellow clubs!

First of all I reckon I might starve to death. I left Glasgow with my bag packed with a loaf of bread, some gammon and teabags! And boy, after one meal out there, did they taste good!

All the players packed food of some kind with them and we were so glad we did, for although Celtic did not want to take food for fear of offending the Albanians, we had all heard how bad their cooking is.

The food was mostly chicken, cooked in local oil which made it taste pretty disgusting. It really tasted different from anything I have had before.

Yet that is no reflection on the hospitality of the Albanians, which despite the visa war which preceded our visit, was never in question.



The locals bent over backwards to help us and were just fascinated by our every move. There was a big crowd at the airport to meet us on our arrival and they followed us everywhere for our entire stay.

Somewhere near 10,000 of them turned up to watch us train!

And I think I know the reason why. There is absolutely nothing to do in Albania and so the arrival of the former European Champions was treated as something of a real talking point among the everyday folk.

The streets in Tirana were full of people walking about with seemingly nowhere to go. Imagine Oxford Street on a Saturday afternoon — but without the shops — and you will get an idea of what I mean.

It was a bit eerie actually . . . and especially when you realise how few women are about.

I reckon the ratio was about 50 men to one woman and it was a common sight to see men walking along the road arm in arm.

Cars are even rarer and the one or two we saw seemed to be for high ranking officials. And if cars are a rarity, traffic lights are non-existent.

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and although I have certainly never seen anything like it before, the much travelled Bobby Lennox said he likened it a bit to Russia.

There were soldiers at the airport with machine guns, but I didn't get over-worried about that, for I have seen that set-up in Spain.

As it happens the Big Brother is watching feeling was not that bad.

There were pillboxes dotted around the country and that did give us an uneasy feeling. But if they were meant to give visitors an unwelcome feeling, then they certainly didn't include Celtic.

For example, there was no sign of the much feared scissors and razor we were told they would take to my beard and Davy Provan's long hair.

And form filling was kept to a minimal, with only two at the airport to complete.

All in all it eased things more than a little for the Partizani arrival on British shores. Indeed the welcome they were given on arrival in Glasgow was described by manager Bejkush Birge as "the best

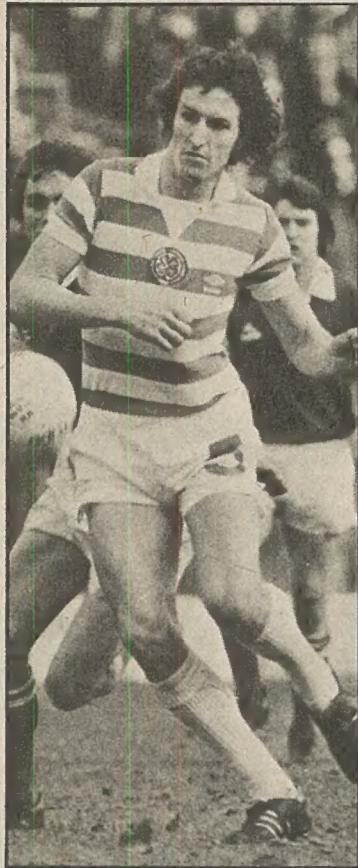
hospitality he has ever seen."

My club even extended the hand of friendship quite literally when Tirana goalkeeper Periat Musta forgot his gloves and Celtic director Kevin Kelly delivered a pair to their hotel on the day of the match!

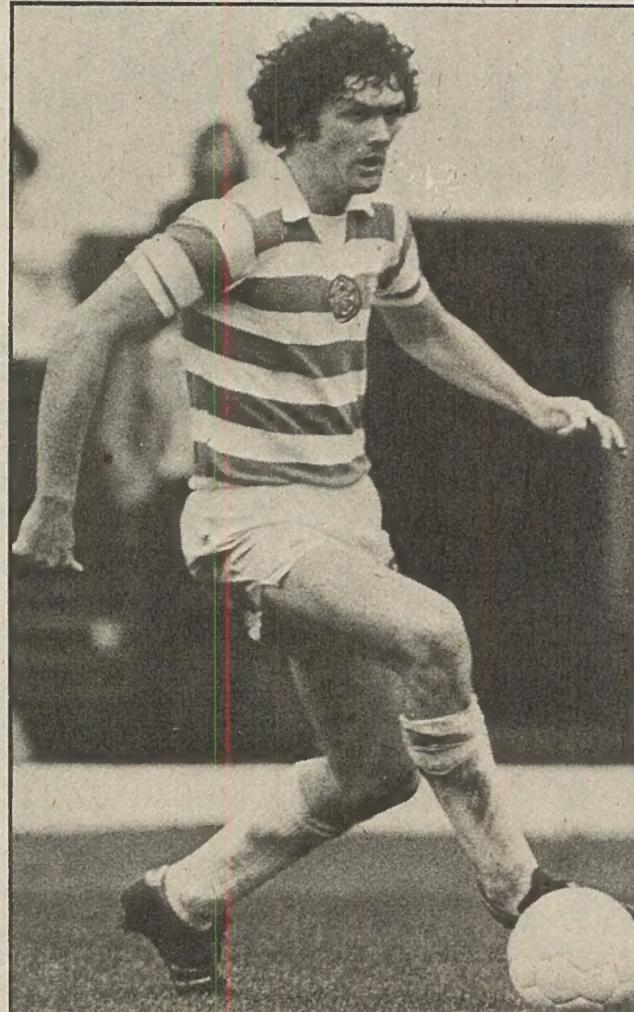
Despite trailing 1-0 from the first-leg and then conceding an own-goal at Parkhead, Celtic fought back to win 4-1 with goals from McDonald, Aitken (two) and Davidson.

In the next round, we meet Dundalk from the Republic of Ireland, and we are confident of progressing to the Third Round.

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Two of Celtic's goalscorers against the Albanians were Roy Aitken (left) and Roddy McDonald (above).



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LIVERPOOL v EVERTON at Anfield

BIG MATCH PHOTO SPECIAL

Emlyn Hughes (right) skippered Liverpool during many epic clashes with Everton. Here, he scores during a game at Anfield in 1972-73.

ON Saturday (October 20th), Liverpool play hosts to rivals Everton in what many people regard as THE local derby. It will be the 121st time these two clubs have clashed since the first meeting in 1894. Incredibly, each side has scored 157 goals although Everton lead Liverpool 44 wins to 40. Anfield will be packed to capacity as the League Champions attempt to peg back that deficit.



Alan Waddle is on the mark for 'Pool in his first derby in 1973-74.



Everton defender Pat Heard (left) clears from David Johnson in last March's Anfield draw.



Gordon Lee congratulates Andy King after last season's clash at Goodison in which Everton triumphed 1-0.

Questions being asked in Scotland this season

DUNDEE TOO DEFENSIVE?

As a player, Tommy Gemmell was one of the most colourful, flamboyant, extrovert, attack-minded defenders in the world.

He was the raiding left-back other managers used to tell their outside-right to look out for. Gemmell glori ed in being a Celtic superstar, scoring in two European Cup Finals, winning countless domestic medals as well as international honours.

As a manager, though, Gemmell has had a complete rethink. In the recent League match against Rangers at Ibrox, Dundee played with little imagination and packed their defence with bodies.

"We didn't go to Ibrox to entertain," says Gemmell. "Why should we? We were hardly odds-on favourites to win."

"Dundee are a newly-promoted club, playing a difficult fixture away from home and trying to make sure we did not lose."

"Okay it may not have been marvellous for the fans, but it is not our job to entertain away from home. We can open up at Dens Park . . . that's where the supporters will see us going forward."

"I make no apologies for my tactics against Rangers. We did what we had to do and we came so close to getting something out of a game."

Dundee did, indeed, come extremely close to shocking Rangers, but in the end they lost 2-0. With great irony it must be reported that both Rangers' goals that afternoon were scored by Dundee defenders!

The first goal came after the hour mark when young George McGeachie, under pressure from Derek Johnstone in a crowded penalty box, deflected a corner past his own 'keeper Ally Donaldson.

The second killer goal was even more astonishing, a weird goal from Dens Park captain Bobby Glennie.

Stewart McLaren downed Gordon Smith in the penalty-area and the referee awarded a spot-kick.

Alex Miller hammered his effort at goal, but 'keeper Donaldson brilliantly fisted out the shot only to see Glennie, trying to clear, hitting it straight back into the net off a post.

So, you could say the tactics rebounded on Gemmell, but he can still look at that particular match and think of an early second-half effort from young Jim Murphy that swept past an open goal. If the Dens men had sneaked a goal there, Rangers would have faced an uphill struggle.

And what did Rangers manager John Greig, an old friend and foe of Gemmell's, of course, think of Dundee's spoiling tactics?

"I would prefer not to say anything that I might regret afterwards," said Greig, grim-faced and obviously not too impressed by Dundee's defensive wall.

Unpredictable

Will Dundee be continuing with these tactics away from home? Gemmell realises that variety is the spice of life and he wants to give his side a method that will be unpredictable. He has obviously picked up a thing or two from Jock Stein in all his years at Parkhead.

But the Dens men are a team better suited to going forward with Ian Redford an impressive leader who has already caught the attention of Arsenal. John Fletcher and Jim Murphy are two enterprising flank men and we have still to see Billy Pirie, the Dundee goal-machine, in action this season after his recent injury.

It obviously does not keep Gemmell, a man whose every instinct was to go forward as a player, completely happy to instruct his team to concentrate on defence.

But the name of the game in the Top Ten is survival at the moment for Gemmell and Dundee. Once they have settled in during this consolidation period we could see Dundee as we expect to see them.

And Tommy Gemmell could smile again . . .



Dundee 'keeper Ally Donaldson (on ground).

HIBS HEADING FOR DISASTER?

Oh, no . . . not again!" That was the mighty groan heard around Edinburgh recently when the Hibs fans learned that their favourites had sold yet another of their personality players.

This time it was the tireless Des Bremner who was moving out of Easter Road and taking the well-worn path of former Hibs stars such as Peter Marinello, Alex Copley, Bobby Smith, John Brownlie, John Blackley, Peter Cormack and many others and moving to England.

Aston Villa tempted Bremner to their trouble-torn club and gave Hibs £210,000 plus former Clyde striker Joe Ward, valued at £65,000, in the lightning swift deal that was set up and completed within five days.

You can hardly blame the Easter Road faithful for grumbling. They are desperate to see their once-proud, once-mighty team restored to their rightful place at the top of the soccer tree in Scotland instead of languishing near the foot of the Premier.

In the 50's they had one of the greatest teams in Europe and they won the League title in '51 and '52. However, for the past 27 years only three trophies have come to Easter Road . . . and you can't really count the Drybrough Cup, won twice in successive seasons against Celtic.



graceful Ally MacLeod, but consistency is hardly their strong point.

The goalkeeper's position has been another huge headache for Turnbull, who has, in his time, signed Mike MacDonald, from Stoke City, and Jim McArthur, from Cowdenbeath, in an effort to solve the problem.

McArthur took over from MacDonald near the end of last season and played exceptionally well in the Cup matches against Rangers. He even saved a penalty from Alex Miller in the second replay at a crucial stage in the game.

However, his form dipped alarmingly at the start of this term and MacDonald was recalled for the League match against Dundee at Easter Road. Only minutes had gone when the burly 'keeper presented the Dens men with a goal and although Hibs fought back to win 5-2, he was back in the reserves the following week with McArthur recalled to duty.

Turnbull now has an amount of cash to spend and he will no doubt be having a close look at the transfer market. He had a bid of £150,000 turned down by Airdrie for their striker Sandy Clarke and he will be looking elsewhere.

At the moment Joe Ward will be given his opportunity to show what he can do with a settled run in the firing line, but look for wholesale changes by Turnbull during the season.

A lot of heads will roll before the end of this League programme . . .

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What do you know about the police?

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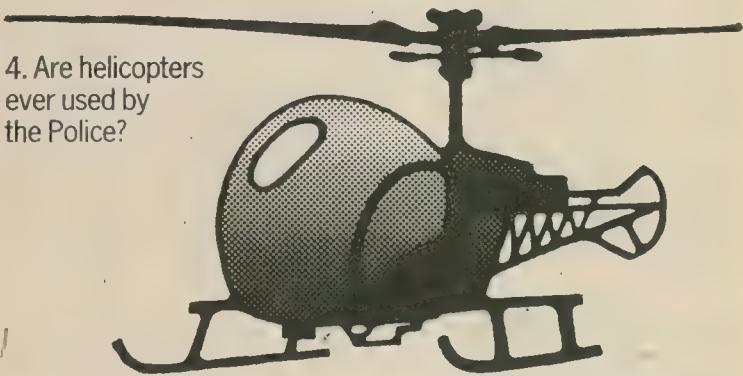


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3. How many Police officers are there in England & Wales?

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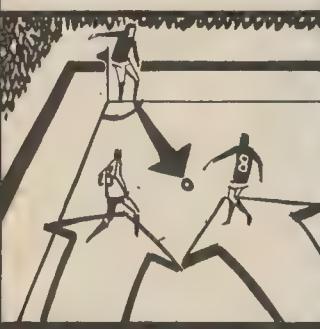
- 1. Criminal investigation
- 2. No, all ranks in the Police
- 3. Department
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ANSWERS

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1 After a corner-kick has been taken a defender encroaches within ten yards of the ball before it is touched by a second opponent. Should you:
(a) have the kick retaken or
(b) take no action?



3 A defender and an opponent fall in the penalty-area. The ball is not in playing distance but the defender holds the opponent with his legs. Should you:
(a) award a penalty-kick or
(b) drop the ball?



5 A defender when making a tackle accidentally breaks the flag-post on the goal-line. Should you:
(a) stop play until a replacement is found, or
(b) continue to play without a post?



ANSWERS

Law, I was wrong. To try to get another and in my opinion it was not necessary but by the letter of the law, I was wrong. Saturday of the season I was refereeing Brent and Brumley when five minutes from the end a leg-post was broken. I picked the post up and threw it away before ten minutes kick against the kick-off (b). Take no action (a). Award a penalty-kick (a). A award a free-kick (b). Take no action (a). 2 Take no action (a). 3 Award a penalty-kick (a). A award a free-

Gates UP in Lower Divisions

HAVE you been taking a check on the gates lately? No — well you should because it appears that a very interesting trend is emerging.

For some strange, ambiguous reason the big guns of the First Division are losing customers, and their hitherto poor little brothers down in the lower reaches are gaining them.

Study the evidence. Over the first five-match period of the season First Division crowds slumped by a total of 181,931. Second Division gates were down by the comparatively meaningless figure of 17,741, yet Third Division attendances were up by 41,242 and Fourth Division crowds by 14,678.

Crowded

Those figures are quite significant and prompt the suggestion that folk have got a little fed up of risking life and limb on the crowded terraces of the bigger club and are turning back for their Saturday afternoon entertainment to the local team — perhaps the one they sacrificed years ago when travelling became so much easier.

Only four First Division clubs recorded improved gates over the period in question. Arsenal (whose visitors were Ipswich and Manchester United), Middlesbrough (who went to the top of the League briefly after beating Manchester City), West Bromwich Albion (despite a wretched start) and Wolves.

On the other hand Tottenham, who like Albion bit the dust with a vengeance, suffered a fall in their

average gate of around 18,000 . . . the actual figures 40,853 to 22,872.

As an illustration of what was going on a couple of Divisions beneath them, just look at Barnsley. Despite a hesitant start to their new Third Division status the Oakwell side pulled in 43,399 people for three home games, an average of nearly 15,000.

Both Sheffield clubs, operating together in the Third Division for the first time ever, have been consistently getting five-figure gates.

Good for the little 'uns. Perhaps the ace up their sleeve is the admission fee.

You can still have a Saturday afternoon match for the modest sum of £1.50 if you're willing to restrict yourself to the lower Divisions, but it can cost you a pretty packet if you insist on watching the best. And with top clubs playing three matches a week at the moment that is very restrictive to the average family man.

Hence maybe Liverpool getting only 35,000 for their very attractive European Cup-tie against Dinamo Tbilisi, and traditionally well supported clubs like Everton and Manchester City struggling to top the 30,000 mark.

Maybe the fact that there has been no televised soccer on a Sunday, thus the loss of opportunity for fans to at least see one of their local clubs on the box, has attributed too to the effect on gates in the regions, but whatever the reason it is a trend that will be watched with interest by boards of directors all over the country.

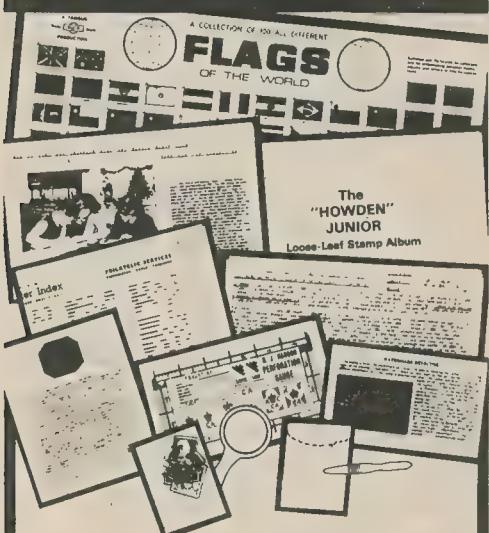
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The Scottish winger is now achieving with a London club what he might have done first time — but never quite managed at Arsenal. But then, The Gunners loss is Fulham's gain because Marinello, older, wiser and much more experienced, is making a significant contribution to Fulham's bid to reach the First Division.

His history with Arsenal is well known. The ambitious move which promised to produce so much for both player and club, never worked out. Marinello eventually returned to Scotland without, so it seemed, showing Lon-

don's footballing public, his real ability.

That was until Fulham manager Bobby Campbell made a surprise bid to sign the Scottish lad, last season. Marinello leapt at the chance to have another go in London — and it is to his enormous credit, that he is now succeeding — second time around.

Marinello admits: "I've settled in much better this time. I was too young before and couldn't handle all the fuss. People expected too much too soon and I did, too. I don't think I was dedicated enough then, either, and got involved in far too much off the football field. There were events, shops to open, modelling, all that kind of thing.

'More settled'

"I haven't got involved in any of those this time. I don't go to the old haunts anymore although I pay occasional visits to my old landlady. I'm married now with kids and am much more settled.

"I've kept in touch with some ex-Arsenal players like George Graham and John Radford. I asked 'Stroller' Graham for some advice before I signed for Fulham. But I

don't go over towards Southgate very much which was where I lived. I stay this side of the river and use the park near the Fulham ground, quite a lot."

Marinello says he also benefits from a freer role at Craven Cottage. "The boss lets me play where I want," he says. "I can switch wings, or stay on the right or left; whichever suits me and the team best. I'm instinctive and that's my style, but at Arsenal they tried to get me to do a certain job and I'm not that sort of player."

Marinello's own experiences have convinced him few Scottish youngsters should move South of the border before they mature.

"Eighteen or 19 is too young — unless a lad is married or has relations down here," he says. "I was 19 but too inexperienced and immature. It was as much my fault as Arsenal's that it didn't work out. I had my head in the clouds for the first 12 months and if you come from Scotland when you're too young, you do get swept off your feet."

"Stay and get some experience in Scotland before coming South, is my advice to kids. There are too many difficulties and temptations when you're in digs in London. That was my trouble."

Misfit Yorath a hit for Spurs

THE plan behind Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw's purchase of £325,000 Terry Yorath, fell apart after only three games. Spurs' atrocious start to the season in which they conceded ten goals in their first three League matches meant that the new role planned for Terry Yorath simply disintegrated.

Yorath had been bought from Coventry to play as a sweeper alongside centre-back John Lacy. The Spurs boss envisaged using Yorath's solid play, positional sense and experience to play just behind Lacy, tidying up at the back.

Missed

Sadly for Burkinshaw, the plan never got off the ground. The Tottenham midfield which usually included Glenn Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardiles, simply lacked sufficient bite and determination. They missed a solid ball-winner in those first few games.

But that's where new-boy Terry Yorath stepped in. He abandoned his new role for a more traditional midfield position; providing the steel, hard tackling and solid play which Spurs badly needed. And, in his first game back in the middle, Yorath had a large part in helping Tottenham to their first win of the

season — a 2-1 League Cup Second Round, first-leg match against Manchester United.

Yorath's display at White Hart Lane that night had the Spurs fans chanting: "There's only one Terry Yorath." And, for the way he switched roles back to his more accustomed midfield position, Yorath might well claim the fans' remark was true.

Now, Yorath is settling down to life in London — and finding it nowhere near as bad as he thought. "You hear rumours and stories about London as a place to play and live," he said. "I must admit I had not thought of ever going there. But the move came out of the blue and now I'm glad it did.

"I was dubious but it's very different when you get here. It's certainly nowhere near as bad as it is made out."

And that new role at the back, which Burkinshaw had planned? "I was prepared to do the job for the boss but I must say, I'm rather glad I'm back in midfield. I missed the involvement in the middle and I don't think I'll be reverting to sweeper again. It didn't work out so now I hope I can do well in midfield for Spurs."

Yorath says the different between Coventry and Tottenham is

immense. "One (Coventry) is small, striving for big things and trying to become a big club. The other (Tottenham) is a big club but so friendly. They're dying for success as befits a club with their standing in the game.

"Both clubs have the same fault; a lack of consistency. Coventry have suffered from that for years and it's hard to say why. It was terribly frustrating for all the players — a 5-0 win one week, then a 4-0 hammering the next.

"Spurs need success and a place in Europe. That will be a hard task and a lot of work will be involved. But when you look at the players

at the club and the calibre of them, you know it is possible to succeed here. I just can't understand why we didn't get a better start.

"For me, this move has been a marvellous injection of new blood as I approach 30. It's a new lease of life. The past is now all water under the bridge although I must admit I was shocked to hear the Coventry manager call me in and say he'd allowed Tottenham to talk to me about a transfer. But now I'm over that, I believe it's a great move for me and I hope to help Tottenham climb the table and, who knows, maybe a European place.



Terry Yorath didn't like playing sweeper for Spurs

Five stars talk about playing for . . .

THE FIREBRAND MANAGERS



'I don't know Brian Clough's secret'

— JOHN McGOVERN

JOHN McGOVERN has been working for Brian Clough since he was 16. But he says: "I've never got close to him as a person.

"People often say to me that I must know Brian Clough better than anyone. I don't.

"I like working for him — I must do, mustn't I? — but it's purely a professional relationship. He's the boss and I'm a player and that's as far as it goes.

"We are very different per-

sonalities in any case but even if we weren't, it wouldn't be easy to mix off the field because of our positions.

"I think a manager has to try and keep a certain distance between himself and his players. Managers who try and get too close often run into problems."

McGovern has spent virtually his whole professional career under Clough. He got his first chance under him at Hartlepool and followed him to Derby, Leeds and Forest.

"He has been my guiding light as

a player but just because I've spent so much time with him, don't get the idea that I get any special treatment.

"I've had as many rollickings as anyone else. I've learned to ponder over what he says instead of barking straight back because 99 per cent of the time he is right.

"The main thing is he is fair. It's only if a player sells himself short he finds himself in trouble with Brian Clough.

"If a player does that, he'll be out of the team and if he doesn't quickly do something about it, he'll be out of the club."

Clough has a reputation as a great motivator and McGovern says: "I suppose that's as good a word as any for what he does. Basically, he just points out the truth to you. He'll say 'These are your strengths, so go out and play to them.' He's like a catalyst. He brings the best out of people.

"People often ask me what Brian Clough's secret is. If I knew that, I'd go out and patent it and make myself a fortune.

"Knowing the theory is all right but the difficult thing is putting it into practise."



"I can teach a young player how to get into position and roughly what the midfield role is about. But I can't tell him when to use the telling pass or exactly how to split a defence at any one point in the game, anymore than I can tell you exactly how Brian Clough's mind works."

'Ron Saunders allows freedom of speech'

— JIMMY RIMMER

RON Saunders has a reputation as a tough, fire-breathing manager who eats players for breakfast.

But according to goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer, he's "one of the best managers around".

Rimmer, who is in his third season under Saunders at Villa Park, says: "He is very honest, and he lets players speak their minds.

"You can go to him and say I want to do more of this in training or more of that and he'll give it serious consideration.

"Of course he won't always agree with you. Sometimes, he will reject something out of hand. But if he thinks you have got a good point, he will say 'Okay, let's give it a try'.



"We have had our disagreements since I've been here but again, that is only natural. At least he lets you voice your opinions."

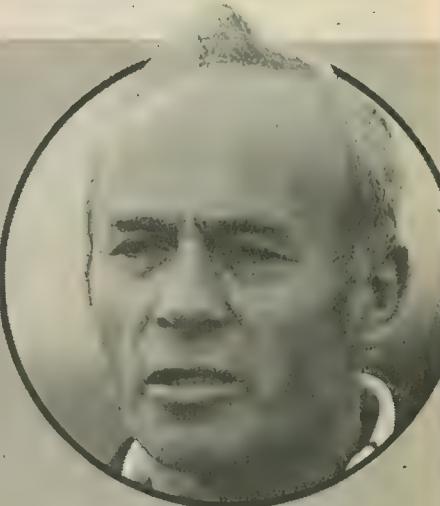
As a goalkeeper, Rimmer is in need of more individual attention than is usually possible at a top club. But Saunders has helped him a lot.

"The main thing he has done is to improve my concentration. A goalkeeper has to keep his mind on the game for the full 90 minutes. It's no use being spot on for 85 or 86 minutes and losing it for the other few minutes. That could mean the difference between a win or defeat.

"The boss realises that and he is always on at me about concentration. In training, he'll get people hitting balls at me towards the end of a long, hard stint to make sure I'm still as alert mentally."

No player, whichever club he plays for, goes without a tongue-lashing from time to time.

Saunders, who used to exercise his vocal chords on Army parade grounds, can do that more effectively than most.



Says Rimmer: "He does have a go at the lads sometimes after a bad performance. But he doesn't go daft."

"That can have a negative effect. So often he'll just say what he thinks and tell us that we'll discuss it in full on Monday."



SOFT INKS

'Fiery Fergie has a cool head'

— STEVIE ARCHIBALD

THE Press have sometimes branded him as 'fiery Fergie', but the Aberdeen players see another side to their manager, Alex Ferguson.

Says Steve Archibald: "He is a boss who knows exactly what he wants from the team and what he expects from each individual. He is also methodical and obviously has a vast knowledge of the game.

"The gaffer allows you to have your say if anything is on your mind. He is marvellous in that manner. His door is always open and he is willing to sit down and discuss all sorts of matters with a player.

"It is easy to be impressed with

Mr. Ferguson. Just take a look at what he did for St. Mirren for a start. They didn't appear to be going anywhere in particular and seemed to be struggling, as a club until he came along and transformed them into a progressive Premier Division side.

"He certainly believes in giving youth its chance. At Paisley he gave first team places to the likes of Frank McGarvey and Tony Fitzpatrick and look how well they have done!

"Mr Ferguson has done the same sort of job with Aberdeen. He has introduced players such as Doug Rougvie, Alex McLeish and Doug Considine and everyone here realises only the best is good enough for the first team with so many good youngsters waiting in the wings.

"The manager is also very fair. He will not ask an individual to attempt something that is out of his capabilities.

"He cares a great deal about the supporters and stresses how im-



portant it is for us to entertain them as well as getting the best results for the team.

"Fiery Fergie? It is more like cool-head Alex when he gets down to talking calmly about tactics and the game ahead. I am certain he will lead Aberdeen to the top honours."



'Malcolm Allison takes chances'

— BARRY SILKMAN

THE thing Barry Silkman likes about Malcolm Allison is that he is given the freedom to go where he pleases.

Says Silkman, who's played under Allison at Plymouth and Manchester City: "I don't like playing in a set role.

"Clubs are paying a million pounds for players today and then playing them on one side of the pitch. To me, that's ridiculous.

"Malcolm lets me roam about and that's my game. I go wherever I think I'm needed."



Silkman also played for Allison's former club Crystal Palace — but under Big Mal's successor Terry Venables.

"Terry is a very shrewd person and he plays things close to his chest. But Malcolm is a gambler.

"He backs his judgment and he likes to take chances. I suppose it is more exciting in a way.

"He is also somebody who likes to vary the training routines so that it is always interesting for the players.

"I can't stand training when it's the same thing every day. That just gets boring.

"Malcolm's moods change, too. Sometimes he can be very demanding in training and other times, not so much so.

"He has got a reputation for wanting everything done his own way. But basically, I get on well with him."

'You must give Bill McGarry 100 per cent'

— ALAN SHOULDER

BILL McGarry had a reputation as one of the toughest managers to deal with.

But striker Alan Shoulder, who plays under McGarry at Newcastle, can't understand why people regard his boss as such a hard nut.

Says Shoulder: "As far as I'm concerned, it's the complete opposite. It's true he will tell you what he thinks whether it's good or bad.

"But at least he will say it to your face. That way, you know where you stand. I appreciate that.

"I think Bill McGarry is honest and everything he has told me about football has turned out to be right."



The striker claims the Newcastle manager doesn't let off steam in the dressing-room after a poor performance, either. "Not unless you've failed to give full effort. If you've done your best, he will accept it."

"But he can't stand people who don't give 100 per cent. Players like that he will punish."

Shoulder, of course, only recently made the step up from non-League football.

"It's a much bigger step than some people think and I've had to work really hard. Again, the manager has been a tremendous help.

"He has helped with my vision, ball control, and turning. In fact, there are lots of little things he has improved in my game and I'll always be grateful to him."

McGarry, says Shoulder, should get much of the credit for the club's bright start to the season.

"He's got a great spirit going at Newcastle now. All the senior



players are helping out with the juniors and there's confidence running through the club.

"Naturally, we're all hoping to win back our First Division place this season. For the manager's sake, I hope we do."

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Female refs

Have there ever been any female referees?

MARIT HOIE,
NORWAY.

• Certainly there have, Marit, and still are — although not, as far as I know, operating in any major League throughout the world.

Come to think of it, though, it might not be a bad idea. If the ref was pretty no one would want to risk getting sent-off the field!

Evans o.g.

Can you tell me what really happened when a player named Evans booted the ball into his own net because he thought the game was over?

PAUL LANGTON,
HARROW.

• I can, Paul — and it left an embarrassed Dennis Evans with a face as red as his Arsenal shirt.

This rather bizarre incident occurred in a First Division game at Highbury on 17th December, 1955.

Arsenal were comfortably leading Blackpool 4-0 when Evans, hearing a whistle in the dying moments, thought

the game was over — and cheerfully whacked the ball into his own goal.

As the players were leaving the field, referee Frank Coulas called them back — pointing out that the whistle they'd all heard had come from some joker in the crowd ... and that Blackpool had gained an own goal.

So the result, when the genuine whistle sounded a few seconds later, was 4-1 to Arsenal instead of 4-0.

Dick Pym

My grandfather's cousin, Dick Pym, played in goal for Bolton and England. Can you tell me anything about him?

ALEXANDER PYM,
HAMPSHIRE.

• Well, Alexander, your relation — nicknamed "Pincher" Pym — was a local boy of Exeter City.

But his talent was soon discovered by big-time Bolton Wanderers, who quickly moved in with transfer-forms.

With Bolton, Pym played in the now historic first-ever Wembley F.A. Cup Final in 1923 — after which he gained two more Cup-winners' medals with the club in 1926 and 1929.

And he didn't let in a single goal at Wembley, either — West Ham being beaten 2-0 in the 1923 Final; Manchester City 1-0 in 1926; and Portsmouth 2-0

in 1929.

Then, as now, England had a lot of good goalkeepers, so "Pincher's" international chances were limited. But he did get three full caps — against Scotland and Wales in 1924-25, and against Wales again in 1925-26.

Hat-tricks

Who has scored the most Football League hat-tricks in a single season?

KELVIN TURNER,
STOKE.

• George Camsell is the winner there, Kelvin.

In nine of his 37 Second Division games for Middlesbrough in 1926-27, he scored three or more times — and ended up with a total of 59 goals

SHORT PASSES

• Lincoln's best-ever finishing position in the League is fifth in Division Two in 1901-02.

(MARK WIGGINS, Aylesbury)

• Peter Lorimer played in 21 full internationals for Scotland between 1969-70 and 1975-76.

(PAUL BRANAGAN, Hull)

• Manchester United lost two successive F.A. Cup Finals in 1957 (1-2 to Villa), and 1958 (0-2 to Bolton).

(TESSA COOMBES, Cranleigh)

• Stockport's record gate is 27,833 (v. Liverpool: F.A. Cup Fourth Round, 11th February, 1950).

(GARETH EVANS, Manchester)

• Chelsea have played in three F.A. Cup Finals — winning in 1970, after

All-time record is held by Camsell's great contemporary rival, Everton's "Dixie" Dean, who hit 37 League hat-tricks in his long career.

Pilgrims progress

As a keen Plymouth fan, I'd like to know who we knocked out in reaching the League Cup Semi-Finals in 1965?

GUY HEALEY,
SWINDON

• They kicked-off with a 2-1 home win over Sheffield United, Guy — followed by a 1-0 away win at Bury; a 3-1 home replay win (after a 1-1 draw) over Stoke; and a 1-0 home win over Northampton.

In the two-legged Semi-Final against Leicester, Plymouth lost both legs.

losing in 1915 and 1967.

(MICHAEL WALLACE, Guildford)

• The longest recorded headed goal in the Football League was one of 35 yards by Peter Aldis (Villa v. Sunderland, Div One, 1st September, 1952).

(RONNIE PETERSSON, Sweden)

• Liverpool's first League game was a 2-0 away win over the old Middlesbrough Ironopolis club in Div Two on 2nd September, 1893.

(CLARE BABBS, Raynes Park)

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MANCHESTER UNITED -

READY FOR MORE GLORY?

ARE Manchester United now good enough to pose a real challenge for the Championship?

The Old Trafford Reds have been up among the leaders since the start of the season, but they have yet to convince the critics, and indeed a lot of their fans, that they are ready for League honours.

A heavy 3-1 defeat at Wolves and an even bigger 4-1 crash in the League Cup at Norwich just four days later posed a substantial query about the team's ability to produce the consistency necessary for serious contention in the First Division.

But United made a convincing and rapid reply with a 4-0 demolition of Stoke City roared on by another 50,000 crowd desperate for a return to the old glory days.

Manager Dave Sexton is confident that he can make this his best season at Old Trafford.

"I feel happier about my squad than at any other time. Provided we can stay clear of serious injuries I am confident that we can maintain our challenge.

"The players gave another instance of their character and will-



Andy Ritchie (left) beats former Derby defender Steve Wicks.



Sammy McIlroy about to score United's second in last season's F.A. Cup Final v. Arsenal.

ingness to battle with the way they fought back after two defeats to beat Stoke. We also have plenty of skill in the side and a good balance."

The difference between United of last season when they finished ninth in the table and the present campaign is mainly Ray Wilkins.

Their £825,000 signing from Chelsea has undoubtedly brought a new dimension to the team in his role of midfield general. United's midfield has tended to have players who are runners.

Sammy McIlroy and Mike Thomas like to run with the ball and play a short, tight game. Wilkins, the 23-year-old England international, has greater vision.

First-time

He frequently switches the point of attack with 30-yard passes invariably hit with great accuracy and he is quick at times with the first-time ball.

His arrival has given United a much greater variation going forward and given several players around him a new lease of life.

United are also benefiting this season from having a young goalkeeper who has proved a fast learner. Gary Bailey was new to League football when he was thrust into the side last November.

Inevitably he made mistakes, though surprisingly few, but it took time for the men in front of him to lose their anxiety about such an inexperienced goalkeeper behind them.

This season Bailey enjoys the confidence of skipper Martin Buchan and centre-half Gordon McQueen. Their understanding has improved enormously and the encouraging number of "clean sheets" is no coincidence.

United's young reserves like Ashley Grimes and Andy Ritchie are also giving better accounts of themselves as they grow in strength and experience.

At the same time Sexton is right to sound a cautious note about the threat of injuries disrupting the

Arthur Albiston is helpless to prevent this goal from Wolves' grounded striker John Richards at Molineux.



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MANCHESTER



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BACK ROW (left to right): Kevin Moran, Jimmy Nicholl, Gordon McQueen, Paddy Roche, Gary Bailey, Steve Paterson, Ashley Grimes, Joe Jordan.

CENTRE ROW: Laurie Brown (physio), Sammy McIlroy, Andy Ritchie, Michael Duxbury, Tom Connell, Jimmy Greenhoff, Stewart Houston, Tommy Cavanagh (coach), Dave Sexton (manager).

FRONT ROW: Mike Thomas, Tom Sloan, Lou Macari, Martin Buchan, Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell, Arthur Albiston.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Continued

club's promising start. It's significant that the team went off the boil and conceded seven goals in their two heavy defeats when Joe Jordan dropped out with damaged ankle ligaments.

Jordan's strength and ability up-front to hold the ball is missed and against good teams the ball often comes back too quickly. In fact if United are going to falter it will be through lack of scoring power up-front.

The Reds' manager believes implicitly in the ability of his new mini strike force of Lou Macari and Steve Coppell. Macari has certainly done extraordinarily well following his switch from midfield to the front line.

Coppell has spared no effort but many people feel he is at his best in his England position of right-wing. Jimmy Nicholl, the right-back, certainly misses his industry and cover.

The club are a little thin up-front after transferring England centre-forward Stuart Pearson to West Ham in the belief that injury has seen the best of him and since the worrying pelvic injury to Jimmy Greenhoff.

Pearson and Greenhoff have been the leading scorers in recent seasons. If they had been in the team we doubt whether centre-half McQueen would have emerged the top marksman when he netted his fourth goal of the season in the match against Stoke City.

At the same time United's goals total compares with any other club and the goals against is still good. The critical faction among United's massive support carp about the entertainment value but they tend to compare today with the out-

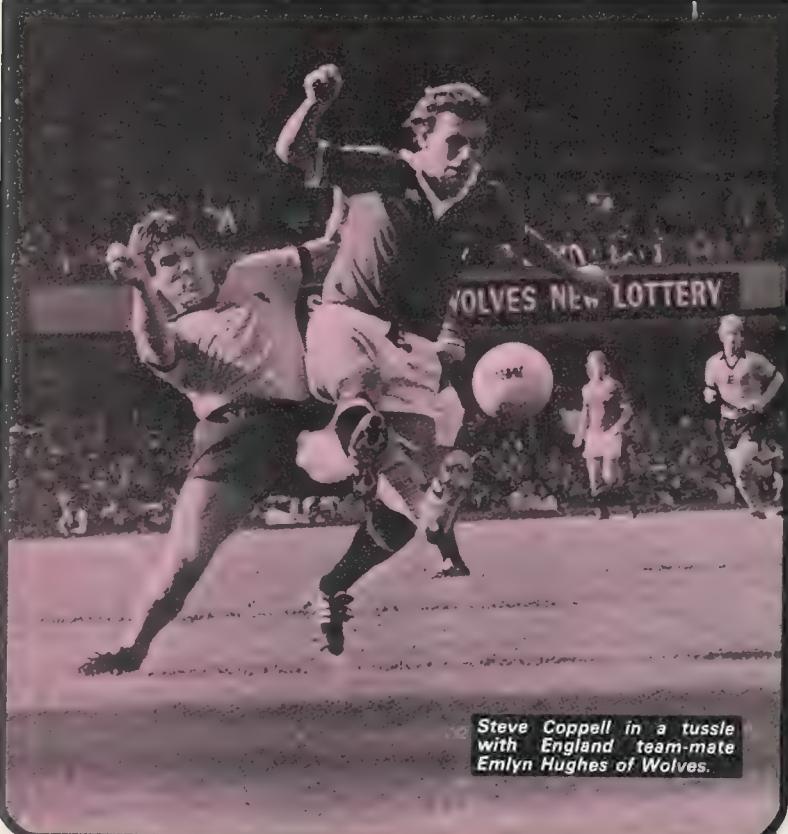


Jimmy Greenhoff.

standing era of Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and George Best which is unfair.

Sexton is aware that he cannot afford to be complacent, as he showed when he made an unsuccessful £400,000 bid for winger Dave Thomas.

The Reds are clearly determined to cash in on their super start to the season and with Sexton in this mood don't bet against a sustained Championship challenge from Old Trafford.



Steve Coppell in a tussle with England team-mate Emlyn Hughes of Wolves.

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This week's Star Letter comes from John Foster, of Bransholme, Hull, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

BIG TWO CHALLENGED

★ WITH around a quarter of the season gone, I'm happy to see teams challenging the supremacy of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

Crystal Palace have adapted very well to First Division life. Norwich are surprising everyone, while Southampton and Manchester United are finding their true form.

I think the biggest threat could come from Wolves, who with Emlyn Hughes to steady them at the back and Andy Gray forming a deadly partnership with John Richards, are playing brilliantly.

So it's "well done" to these clubs for not letting the Championship be a two-horse race.

● I'm sure the title will be a lot closer than last season, but there is still a long way to go and even though neither Forest nor Liverpool have been at their best... it's still hard to go against them.

Why 47?

WHY is it that refs have to retire at 47? Surely their bodies will tell when they are ready to pack up?

Players don't have to hang up their boots at 32, so why should refs have to stand down at 47?

MARTIN NEILL,
CARLISLE.

● It's strange that the FIFA retiring age is older, so a ref can handle a World Cup game but not a League match! Although the League have just announced that from next season the retiring age will be 48.

● All letters sent to SHOOT must be exclusive to this magazine.

Brave Airdrie

AS an Airdrie fan, I was very happy to see that the club had made an unprecedented move in Scotland by refusing a £140,000 bid for their star striker Sandy Clarke, to give the club a chance of promotion to the Premier Division.

This was a very brave move for a club of their size and I think it deserves national coverage.

DONALD STEVENSON,
BISHOPBRIGGS.

● Well done, Airdrie and best of luck with your promotion bid.

Dancing Better Than Fighting

K. OADBY's letter stating of his objections to soccer U.S. style from what he has read and heard rather from what he has seen maybe due to the distortion presented by the media.

Most American fans I know would not miss our weekly English game on TV, and we still consider English football the best in the world.

We do have to apologise for our lack of tradition — that will come with the years.

As for his reference to dancing girls (cheerleaders) distracting from the game, I would rather take my son to a game with ten girls distracting him in a crowd of 20,000 than a terrace full of fans fighting with each other and/or the police, and vandalising the grounds.

I have seen these English distractions and find the fans worse than pretty girls. Please let us all improve our football for the benefit of all fans.

JOHN H. VALLETTE,
MENOMONEE FALLS, USA.

● Here here! One of the things we can learn from the Americans is how to make soccer a family game, where you can take your wife or children. At the moment, too often this presents a big risk.



Hereford building the Ipswich way

TOMMY Hughes has seen enough in football to know what he is talking about. When the former Scottish Under-23 international goalkeeper predicts:

"Hereford can rise again because the foundations are being put down in exactly the right way," his words carry the weight of authority and experience.

He was at Chelsea when Dave Sexton was bringing through young players of dazzling ability; he was at Aston Villa as the club started its climb back to the First Division; he was — and is still — at Hereford during those years of triumphant progress from the Fourth Division to the Second.

Along with defender John Layton, Hughes is among the last Edgar Street survivors of those remarkable years when the country cousins of the West Midlands and the Welsh Border farmlands took the League by storm.

"A lot of people will disagree with me but I think we became too professional," he says. "When we reached the Second Division, we seemed to lose sight of the people who had been with the club in its Southern League days.

"Hereford is not a big city club;

that is its strength. Everyone in the town and the surrounding countryside is involved simply because of the closeness of the community. That's why I'm sure there is another era of excitement on the way.

"For instance, we are producing so many of our own players now and that is the way it has to be for a club like Hereford. The transfer market is beyond us when it comes to big money players and Mike is doing a marvellous job as a coach in bringing on local lads."

First taste

For the last three seasons, Hereford have won the Wessex and South Wales Youth League Championship. The opposition is tough: many of the League and part-time professional clubs in Wales and the West of England enter sides but Hereford have come through every time. Now those players, with the first taste of success behind them, are flowing into the club's first team squad.

To the young players now rising from the ranks of reserve team football the 37-year-old Bailey has worked unceasingly at the modest

end of the transfer market in putting together a squad of youth, enterprise and enthusiasm.

"The aim is they will last this club for the next seven to eight years," says the former Wolves and England wing-half.

"Ipswich — in many ways a club originally similar to Hereford — have shown it can be done. You build slowly but surely by bringing along the best of the local talent and importing other players of matching ability. Gradually, the whole thing comes together and suddenly, like Ipswich, there is an explosion of success.

"I covered 45,000 miles last season watching players all over the country; player-coach Bobby Gould did much the same. It was very hard work but rewarding."

The searchings of Bailey and Gould produced such signings as wingers David Cunningham (from Villa) and Winston White (from Leicester), striker Frank McGrellis (from Coventry) and full-back Valmore Thomas (also Coventry). Like most of the players already at Edgar Street, they lacked experience.

The start to the season caught the imagination of Hereford sup-



TOMMY HUGHES

porters still smarting from the Second Division to Fourth slide in successive years. The first three games were all won and Hereford were right up with the leaders.

Then came a three match reverse of consecutive defeats. "The players have to become success-hardened," says Bailey. Then he explains: "by that I mean they have to learn to live with the demands of being at the top."

Hughes, the most experienced player at the club apart from Bailey (now at the end of his playing career) and Gould, is convinced that the all important consistency is around the corner. "Youngsters blow hot and cold as they find their feet in the game. It's up to experienced players to guide them."



GERRY SUMMERS

'Gillingham's boss should be in the First' says JOHN BOND

but Bond was deeply impressed with what The Gills had to offer.

"Tremendous," he enthused. "Unbelievable quality for a Third Division side.

"The way they knocked the ball forward and held it up till midfield players got forward in support was astonishing.

"We won't meet many First Division clubs able to do that as well as them. In fact I think only Liverpool and Forest are capable of it.

"Gillingham gave us all the trouble we could handle and I was mighty relieved when we scrambled through the tie.

"I shall be watching their results with close interest for the rest of the season and I really hope they win promotion.

"They have just missed out for the past two seasons and it would be fitting if they got it this time.

"That would be a just reward for Gerry — who has firm ideas on how the game should be played. They are marvellous ideas and he deserves to be congratulated for

producing such a fine team.

"He should be in the First Division — no doubt about that. And if he blew his own trumpet the way I'm blowing it for him he would have a better chance of getting there," concluded Bond, who began his own coaching career at Gillingham.

Gillingham were not the only side from the lower Divisions to impress some good judges this season.

Upset

SHOOT reporters saw others in action and came back enthusing about the level of skill being showed.

Southend caused the first upset of the competition by dumping out First Division Bolton.

They won 2-1 at Burnden Park with ten men — defender Dave Cusack was sent-off — and were clearly the better side in the second-leg, drawn 0-0.

Manager Dave Smith has put

together a fine team, who are trying all the time to play constructive football.

And the following evening Plymouth gave Chelsea a lesson in how the game should be played as they sent them crashing out of the competition.

That game signalled the beginning of the end for Chelsea boss Darryn Blanchflower. For his team were so outclassed — especially during the first-half — the Stamford Bridge faithfuls dished out some verbal abuse.

In young midfielder Gary Megson, Plymouth had the man of the match — an arrogant, strolling player who had Chelsea marvelling at his skills.

There were others like him too. No wonder Plymouth boss Bobby Saxton is optimistic about the future of his very young side.

These are just three of the sides who are carrying the Third Division banner proudly.

There are many more like them — so please accept our apologies now if your club has not been mentioned.

And if any of you have never seen a match in the lower Divisions and regard such a thing as beneath you — you don't know what you are missing.

The quality down there has never been higher. Go along and see for yourself. We are sure you won't regret it.

GERRY Summers should be managing a club in the First Division — not holding the reins at Third Division Gillingham.

Don't take our word for that — ask Norwich boss John Bond, a man with the highest regard for Summers.

Bond sampled the quality of Summers' coaching when Norwich met The Gills in this season's League Cup. The Canaries won the tie 5-3 on aggregate — drawing 1-1 away and winning 4-2 at home —

RESULTS...SCORERS...GATES... RESULTS...

Tuesday, October 2

Third Division

Barnsley (1) 1 (Glavin (pen))	12,179
Blackburn (0) 1 (Parker)	
Grimsby (1) 1 (Cumming)	7,109
Bury (0) 0	
Hull (0) 2 (Tait, Moss)	5,971
Chesterfield (0) 1 (Birch (pen))	
Rotherham (1) 4 (Fern 2, Gwyther, Finney)	6,363
Carlisle (1) 1 (Bannon)	
Sheff Wed (1) 2 (Curran, Wyld)	12,232
Millwall (0) 0	



Sheffield Wednesday's Ian Porterfield gets in a shot in the 2-0 win against Millwall.

Fourth Division

Bournemouth (0) 0	
Portsmouth (1) 1 (Brisley)	13,963
Darlington (2) 3 (Walsh 2 (1 pen), Nattrass)	
Stockport (0) 0	1,238
Doncaster (0) 1 (Warboys)	
Tranmere (0) 1 (Kerr)	2,973
Huddersfield (3) 3 (Robins, Robinson (pen), Fletcher)	
Crewe (0) 0	5,788
Northampton (1) 3 (Waldock, McCaffrey, Reilly)	
Newport (1) 2 (Bailey, Warriner)	2,346
Rochdale (2) 2 (Hoy, Scaife)	
Halifax (2) 2 (Hendry, Burke)	2,359
York (1) 2 (Byrne, Eccles)	
Scunthorpe (0) 0	2,397

Wednesday, October 3

European Cup

(First Round, second-leg)	
Tbilisi (0) 3 (Gutsaev, Shengelia, Chivadze (pen))	
Liverpool (0) 0	80,000
(Tbilisi win 4-2 on agg)	
Oesters (0) 1 (Nordgren)	
Nottm For (0) 1 (Woodcock)	14,772
(Forest win 3-1 on agg)	
Celtic (4) 4 (McDonald, Aitken 2, Davidson)	
Tirana (1) 1 (Sneddon (o.g.))	51,000
(Celtic win 4-2 on agg)	

Cup-Winners' Cup

(First Round, second-leg)	
Fenerbahce (0) 0	
Arsenal (0) 0	30,000
(Arsenal win 2-0 on agg)	

Fortuna (0) 0	
Rangers (0) 0	40,000
(Rangers win 2-1 on agg)	
Magdeburg (1) 5 (Hoffmann 2, Mewes, Steinbach, Streich)	
Wrexham (2) 2 (Vinter, Hill) a.e.t. 15,000	
(Magdeburg win 7-5 on agg)	
Nantes (4) 7	
Cliftonville (0) 0	22,000
(Nantes win 8-0 on agg)	
Standard Liege (0) 1 (Edstroem)	
Glenavon (0) 0	20,000
(Liege won 2-0 on agg)	
Waterford (0) 1 (Keane)	
Gothenburg (1) 1 (Holmgren, T.)	1,500
(Gothenburg win 2-1 on agg)	

Football League Cup

(Third Round replay)	
Sunderland (1) 1 (Robson)	
Man City (0) 0	33,559

Third Division

Blackpool (1) 2 (Doyle, McEwan)	
Sheff Utd (3) 3 (De Goey, MacPhail, Sabella)	10,392
Bradford (2) 2 (Baines, Staniforth)	
Port Vale (0) 0	4,393
Exeter (0) 0	
Brentford (0) 0	3,297

Fourth Division

Hereford (0) 0	
Torquay (0) 0	3,062
Lincoln (0) 2 (Carr, Hobson)	
Walsall (1) 2 (McDonough, Penn)	4,197

Friday, October 5

Third Division

Colchester (1) 1 (Rowles)	
Reading (0) 1 (Heale)	3,330

Fourth Division

Stockport (1) 2 (Henson, Czuczman)	
Hereford (1) 1 (Spiring)	3,119

Saturday, October 6

First Division

Arsenal (0) 0	
Man City (0) 0	34,688

Crystal Palace 'keeper John Burridge (right) saves from Tottenham's Chris Jones.

Middlesbrough (1) 2 (Burns, Armstrong)	
West Brom (0) 1 (Owen)	16,312

Norwich (0) 2 (Bond (pen), Reeves)	
Stoke (1) 2 (Irvine, Richardson (pen))	17,060

Notm For (3) 3 (Francis, Robertson (pen), Birtles)	
Wolves (1) 2 (Richards, Daniel (pen))	27,569

Second Division

Bristol R (0) 2 (Dennehy, Barrowclough)	
Notts Co (2) 3 (Blockley, McCulloch, Christie)	5,372

Burnley (0) 0	
Chelsea (0) 1 (Langley)	8,341

Cambridge (0) 0	
Swansea (0) 1 (Charles)	5,182

Cardiff (1) 2 (Bishop 2)	
Luton (1) 1 (Hatton)	9,420

Fulham (0) 0	
Wrexham (2) 2 (Jones, Fox)	7,091

Oldham (1) 1 (Halom)	
Orient (0) 0	6,700

Preston (0) 0	
Birmingham (0) 0	10,740

Shrewsbury (1) 2 (Chapman, King)	
Leicester (0) 2 (Goodwin, Byrne)	9,045



Aberdeen (left, dark strip) lost 1-0 in Frankfurt in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Sunderland (1) 4 (Hawley 3, Robson)	
Charlton (0) 0	24,865

Watford (1) 1 (Mercer)	
O.P.R. (0) 2 (Allen, Roeder)	22,341

West Ham (1) 1 (Cross)	
Newcastle (1) 1 (Withe)	23,206

Third Division

Brentford (3) 3 (Kruse, Holmes, Smith)	
Barnsley (0) 1 (Glavin (pen))	7,290

Bury (0) 1 (Howard)	
Southend (0) 1 (Pountney)	2,495

Carlisle (1) 1 (Bonnyman)	
Wimbledon (1) 1 (Cunningham)	4,476

Chester (1) 1 (Henderson)	
Plymouth (0) 0	2,818

Chesterfield (0) 2 (Ridley, Moss)	
Oxford (0) 2 (Stort, Cooke)	4,914

Exeter (1) 1 (Hatch)	
Blackpool (0) 0	3,769

Gillingham (1) 1 (Funnell)	
Blackburn (0) 2 (Stonehouse 2)	7,851

Millwall (1) 2 (Mehmet, Mitchell)	
Grimsby (0) 0	5,057

Rotherham (1) 1 (Finney (pen))	
Sheff Utd (1) 2 (Bourne, Butlin)	19,000

SCORERS...GATES...

Sheff Wed (0) 0	13,072
Mansfield (0) 0	
Swindon (0) 0	
Hull (0) 0	7,451

Fourth Division

Aldershot (2) 3 (Dungworth 3)	
Bradford (0) 1 (Watson)	4,339
Bournemouth (1) 2 (Holder, Butler)	
Hartlepool (1) 1 (Harding)	3,180
Crewe (0) 1 (Nelson (pen))	
Doncaster (2) 2 (Dowd, Wilkinson (o.g.))	2,448
Halifax (2) 2 (Mountford (pen), Dunleavy)	
Newport (1) 1 (Goddard)	2,540
Northampton (1) 2 (Reilly, Sargent)	
Tranmere (0) 1 (Craven)	2,324
Peterborough (0) 1 (Kellock)	
Huddersfield (2) 3 (Robins 2, Fletcher)	5,183
Portsmouth (2) 4 (Ashworth 2, Laidlaw, Garwood (pen))	
Darlington (2) 3 (McLean, Walsh 2 (1 pen))	16,692
Port Vale (0) 1 (Wright)	
Lincoln (1) 2 (Harford, Hobson)	3,217
Scunthorpe (2) 2 (Green, O'Berg)	
Walsall (0) 2 (Penn, Caswell)	2,492
Wigan (0) 0	
Torquay (1) 3 (Cooper, Davies, Sermanni)	6,541
York (1) 3 (Eccles, Byrne, Wellings)	
Rochdale (2) 2 (McDermott, Jones)	
	2,462

Scottish Premier

Dundee Utd (0) 0	
Rangers (0) 0	15,500
Hibs (1) 1 (McLeod)	
Morton (1) 1 (Hutchinson)	6,461
Kilmarnock (2) 3 (Bourke, Maxwell 2)	
Dundee (1) 1 (McLaren)	5,000
Partick (0) 0	
Celtic (0) 0	23,000
St. Mirren (1) 2 (Stark, McDougall)	
Aberdeen (1) 2 (Archibald, Harper)	9,500

Scottish First

Arbroath (3) 3 (Myles, 2, Kydd)	
Raith (0) 1 (Carroll)	1,340



George Maxwell scored twice in Kilmarnock's 3-1 win against Dundee.

Ayr (0) 0	
Stirling (0) 0	2,500
Clyde (1) 2 (Hood, Dolan)	
Airdrie (2) 3 (Clarke 2, McClymont)	1,500
Dumbarton (0) 1 (McCluskey (pen))	
Hearts (1) 1 (Sinclair (o.g.))	3,500
Dunfermline (1) 1 (Williams)	
Clydebank (2) 3 (Sweeney 2, McLaughlin)	2,000
Hamilton (0) 1 (Fairlie (pen))	
Berwick (1) 2 (McLeod, Smith, G.)	2,500
St. Johnstone (1) 1 (Lamb)	
Motherwell (3) 3 (Larnach, Irvine, Clingan)	3,634

Scottish Second

Alloa (0) 1 (Morris)	
Cowdenbeath (0) 0	850
Brechin (1) 2 (Kyles, Gillespie)	
Albion (0) 0	400
East Fife (1) 1 (Mackie)	
Queen of South (1) 2 (Gordon, Alexander)	933
Falkirk (0) 1 (McDowell)	
Forfar (0) 2 (Henderson, Clark)	2,200
Queen's Park (0) 0	
Meadowbank (0) 1 (Small)	500
Stenhousemuir (0) 0	
East Stirling (0) 1 (Grant)	300
Stranraer (0) 1 (Inglis)	
Montrose (0) 2 (Milne, Robb)	800



Peter Withe blasts home Newcastle's equaliser at West Ham.

BIG Joe Corrigan, the Manchester City and England goalkeeper, is rated unlucky by some to be playing in the same era as Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton — many more caps would be his, goes the argument, if he didn't have to contend with the formidable competition provided by his two talented rivals. But the Maine Road number one has his own views on the subject.

"First of all, let me admit I am disappointed that I haven't turned out more frequently for England," says Joe.

"I wouldn't be honest if I said otherwise. Yet football is all about taking your chance when it comes, and making the most of it, and the

proved themselves in our First Division, which offers the toughest competition of all."

In assessing the pressures of a goalkeeper's job, Corrigan believes that there is more responsibility attached to it than in previous days.

"I'm not criticising old-time keepers, but in modern football we benefit from improved training methods, and the game today is different to what is used to be.

"As a goalkeeper, some of the training I do is specialised, and I reckon that 'keepers have to be fitter than other players in a side, even though they do more running about. A goalkeeper has to be mentally and physically sharp,

JOE CORRIGAN reveals...

'Where Continental 'keepers get caught out'

highspot of last season for me was being selected for England.

"But Ray Clemence was the man in possession last term, and Mr Greenwood has difficult decisions to make as the England manager.

"Players who don't let him down are not left out of the side, and as there are six or seven goalkeepers in the country who can come in for international consideration, those who are on the fringe must just keep on doing the best they can in the hope that their opportunity may come.

"It's my view the best goalkeepers in the world are in England, and in our First Division, they get experience second to none. This is why, for example, I consider George Wood and David Harvey the best two Scottish goalkeepers — because they have done well in this country.

"In general, Scottish goalkeepers are not as good as they are in England, but David Harvey and George Wood should always be in Scotland's squad. They have

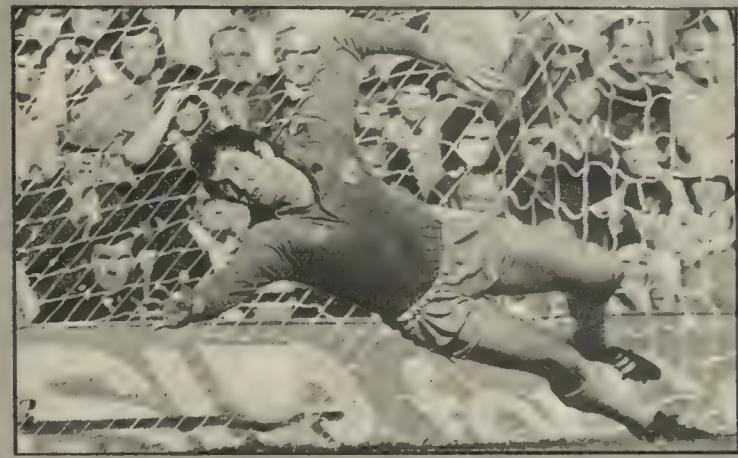
with first class reflexes — one mistake can be fatal.

"Goalkeepers can be caught out in a split second, and in the First Division, we try to keep the chances of this happening to a minimum. On the Continent, 'keepers are inclined to be more spectacular whereas we believe in having a shot covered if possible.

"Continental goalkeepers, too, are often weak when dealing with crosses, and frequently punch a ball out then they are sometimes caught out by somebody seizing on the ball and shooting."

While Joe waits for another opportunity to play for England, he is in no doubt about his top priority — which is to continue to give his best for Manchester City. He says: "City pay my wages and the club is my first consideration."

And 1979-80 is an auspicious term for the likeable Corrigan — this is his testimonial year, and the loyal service he has given his club should ensure it is a bumper season for him.



At the start of the season, if you believed some people, 20 First Division clubs might as well have given up there and then. Apart from Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, no one else has a chance to win the Championship, it was said.

It's been a funny season so far and with a quarter of it gone, I'm convinced teams other than the two favourites have an excellent chance of winning the title — including Manchester United.

Our home form has been first-class, while away, we've been picking up points even when we haven't really played well, always a good sign.

I'm not sure why we are stronger at Old Trafford. Obviously the crowd plays a big part, urging us on. Yet we also have good away support and our tactics are, by and large, the same . . . to attack and win every game.

Funnily enough, our worst home display so far was, I feel, in our biggest win — 4-0 against Stoke City. We stuttered throughout that match, never getting going, yet we scored four goals, including my first for The Reds.

The main difference between United of last season and now is that we don't give away silly goals. The team has tightened up without becoming defensive. The lads were telling me about their awful Christmas in 1978, when they conceded something like 11 goals in three games. I just can't see that happening now, while at the other end we're keeping up our goal-rate,



"Norwich's Kevin Reeves (left) could be the player to break Andy Gray's transfer record."

despite the absence of Jimmy Greenhoff and Joe Jordan.

There are a lot of potential scorers at United, not least SHOOT columnist Gordon McQueen, who must be the most dangerous defender in the League.

From my point of view, I've settled in well as the link-man between defence and attack. I stay deep, allowing Micky Thomas and Sammy McIlroy to go forward more and I've been quite happy with my form, although I could still do better away from home.

Changing the subject, I've received quite a few letters recently and my favourite is this one from Jane Berwick of Solihull. She asks: "If a private detective followed you around, what would he find out?"

The revelation by Alan Mullery of Brighton that he'd used an "under-cover man" to spy on players to find out about their personal life was a marvellous story for the papers. Was it true? I don't know, but it certainly was a marvellous story.

I'd be surprised if I walked round



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"Scoring my first goal for United, against Stoke City."

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the corner and bumped into Jim Rockford! If he'd been tailing me lately, he'd have found that Jackie and I spend most afternoons going round the shops looking at furniture etc. for our new house, which we've just moved into.

On a more serious note, a manager must find out about a player's character, but a few phone calls to contacts within the game should tell him all he wants to know.

"How do you feel about the Freedom of Speech clause that will come into operation for players next year?" writes Richard Meadows from Stockport.

To be honest, it won't make any difference to me. I've been lucky in that Chelsea and United allow their players to speak to the Press and I've not had any bad moments with reporters, through being misquoted or what have you.

The thing is to be sensible. I like

to communicate with supporters through my SHOOT column and other means. I feel sorry for Trevor Francis, who has been gagged by Brian Clough. Freedom of speech is one of our fundamental rights in a free country, isn't it?

Alan Mitchell of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, wants to know how long Andy Gray's transfer record will stay for and who could break it.

Andy's record fee could stay for a while as the money flying around recently seems to have dried up... for the time being.

Three players spring to mind for record-breakers: the Arsenal pair of Liam Brady and David O'Leary, along with Norwich City's Kevin Reeves, a forward I rate very highly. He seems an ideal replacement for Kevin Keegan, not that Mighty Mouse is finished — far from it. Whether the two Kevins can play together remains to be seen and maybe they'll have the opportunity to show this before the end of the season.

"If you could play for one season in another country, which would you choose?" asks Anne Payne from Barnet.

Italy would be just about the biggest challenge, Anne. Because of the way they play in the Italian League, it is very hard for players to express themselves and it would be interesting to see if I could adapt.

Going back to Kevin Keegan, a reader from Milton Keynes, Peter Davis, says: "As Kevin plays in West Germany, wouldn't it be better to have a home-based player as captain of England?"

I don't think it matters that Kevin plays in Hamburg; he keeps in touch with the League scene and is respected by all the England lads as a player and a person.

Kevin is a good captain, combining vocal enthusiasm with the example he sets by his high standard of play.

Just room to mention our game this Saturday (October 20) against Ipswich Town at Old Trafford. I enjoy playing against Town as they are an open side who put the emphasis on football. Mind you, maybe this has rebounded on them as they've had one or two bad results this season.

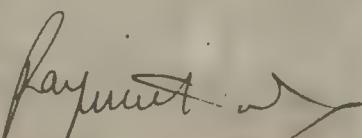
I particularly like their Dutch midfielders, Arnold Mühren and Frans Thijssen, who give the team balance and discipline.

I have the impression that with the confidence of a few good wins Ipswich could be very dangerous. However, the way United are playing at home these days, I'd fancy us against anyone.

See you in two weeks,

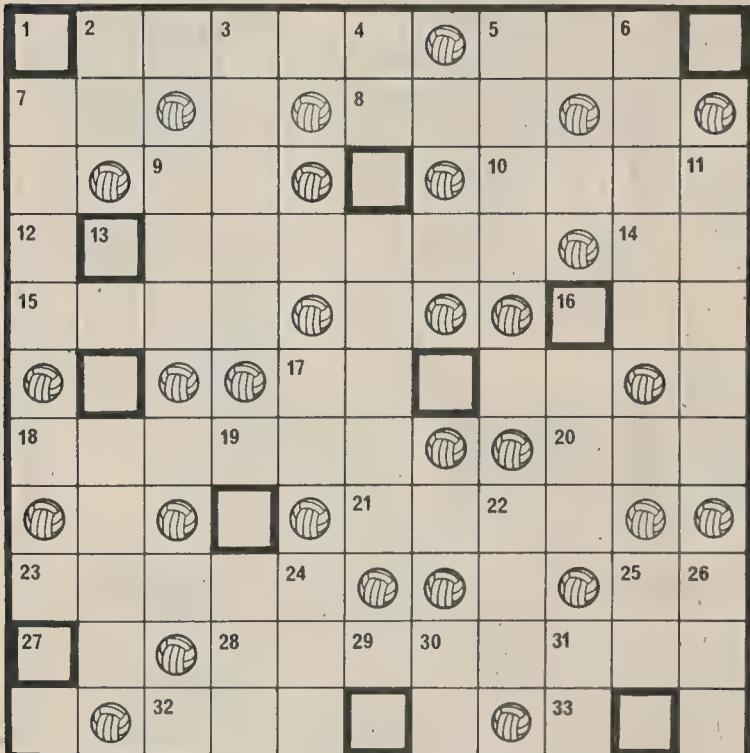


"Frans Thijssen and Arnold Mühren give the Ipswich midfield good balance."



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Swansea midfield player. Answers on page 47.



ACROSS:—

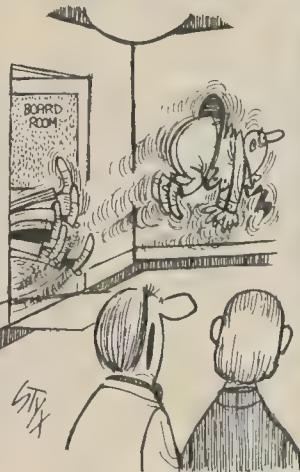
- (1) Jim — of Spurs.
- (5) Confident or positive.
- (7) Mike V-ter of Wrexham.
- (8) Treasured award for an international performance.
- (9) Ivan — lac of Southampton.
- (10) New---le United ("The Magpies").
Performs from the omissions.
- (12) Bobby —, former Manchester United and England star.
- (14) David S-r-de (Chelsea). The missing letters reversed.
- (15) Expectation and desire.
- (16) — Corrigan, Manchester City 'keeper.
- (17) Take five letters from Darlington to make a dance.
- (18) Ian — of Watford.
- (20) Bob —, Sunderland player.
- (21) Surname of player who scored eight goals in a Scottish League match on his debut for King's Park (in 1930).
- (23) Feeling greatly honoured.
- (25) Old E-nians won the F.A. Cup twice (in 1878/9 & 1881/2).
- (27) B-ria. What is needed to complete the French League club.
- (28) Andy —, Derby County striker.
- (32) PI---ou--- Argyl- ("The Pilgrims").
Herb from the missing letters.
- (33) Phil Dw--- (Cardiff City). Cereal from the omissions.

DOWN:—

- (1) Snag, or temporary stoppage.
- (2) Scunthorpe United are nicknamed The Ir-s.
- (3) Bobby —, former England captain.
- (4) For whom Frank Gray is an international player.
- (5) Width of extended hand.
- (6) Vic---- Ground (Hartlepool). Prop-
ortion from the missing letters.
- (9) Space.
- (11) — Highway of Liverpool.
- (13) Awards received.
- (16) Sudden surprise or shock.
- (17) Glen--ran; Irish League club.
- (19) The ball is said to be in this when
out of play.
- (22) Shi---ield Park, Berwick Rangers.
- (23) Protection for the shin, perhaps.
- (24) -e-b- County from the Baseball
Ground.
- (25) G-es-- Road (Crewe). Attempt from
the omissions.
- (26) Phil H-a-l-i-y of Norwich City.
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LEEDS United centre-half Paul Hart walks tall in every sense of the word these days.

Once the weak link in the team, the powerful, blond Mancunian has been transformed into the steely king-pin of the Leeds defence.

He is no longer the butt of critics, many of whom thought former manager Jimmy Armfield had wasted £300,000 in buying him from Blackpool in March, 1978.

The days when he "felt almost embarrassed at the prospect of playing in the same line-up as Paul Madeley, David Harvey and Trevor Cherry" are gone for ever.

Hart, 6ft 1in of awesome strength and endeavour, is now a star in his own right. And in some quarters he is being talked about as a future international.

Replace

Dave Watson, present owner of the England number five shirt, reckons the 26-year-old Leeds defender is a good bet to replace him eventually.

After being on opposite sides in a pre-season match in West Germany, Watson — now, of course, with Werder Bremen — acknowledged that Hart is "one of the most-improved centre-halves in the First Division."

He continued: "Paul's a tremendous battler, good in the air, hard to beat on the ground and he loves to go forward."

You can't have higher praise than that. And those kind words brought a blush to Hart's face.

But he agrees that he's a vastly-



PAUL HART - no longer the weak link at Leeds

The Leeds defender in a mid-air tussle with Frank Stapleton of Arsenal.

with a step up to the First Division.

"Another difficulty was that I succeeded the newly-transferred Gordon McQueen, a great favourite with the Elland Road fans, so I suppose some of them were not too pleased with the replacement.

"Because of these difficulties I was told by a succession of managers to concentrate on my defensive duties.

"As I'm naturally an attacking player this also caused problems. Surprisingly, I always had confidence in my own ability so I knew everything would turn out right eventually.

"And everyone at Leeds has been marvellous. Players and backroom staff gave me tremendous moral support."

The miracle happened during a game with Bolton last autumn, says Hart. "Re-living the match as I was driving home to Manchester afterwards, I suddenly realised I'd not really put a foot wrong.

"I no longer felt out of my depth.

From that moment I've never had any worries."

This quiet, almost shy individual has gained a reputation for tough tackling. He laughs at the suggestion. "Let's just say I like to win every ball," he says.

The determination to win is inbred. "Dad, who of course used to play for Manchester City and later managed the Maine Road club, drilled it in to me never to give up," explains Paul.

The most marked feature of the former Stockport County apprentice's development is the way his Leeds colleagues have found unquestioning confidence in him.

In his first 12 months he was content to act as a ball-winner, allowing others to be creative. Now Hart is the one who as often as not gets the attack moving.

"I love going forward, collecting the occasional goal from set-pieces," he says.

Leeds fans are hoping that his curly-topped dome — invaluable in defence and attack these days — will nod towards a long-overdue trophy, particularly as the side is back in Europe after a four-year absence.

Sunderland searching for a new Mick Docherty

THE hopes of promotion-minded Sunderland for this season received a severe jolt on September 18, the day that the Roker club's captain, Mick Docherty, announced his retirement from the game due to injury.

If the news was a bombshell on Wearside, the knowledge that his career could be suddenly terminated through ligament trouble had been with the Young Doc for years — ever since his days at Burnley.

"My knee caused me a lot of concern at Turf Moor," says Mick. "I had both cartilages removed and also cruciate ligament damage repaired. In fact, I've been grateful for every season I've had in football from that time."

Docherty signed for Sunderland in January, 1977, when his former Burnley boss, Jimmy Adamson, took him to Roker from Manchester City. And after a spell when he was a target for the jibes of part of the Roker crowd, Mick won the fans over to his side and took on the team captaincy.

He says: "I became skipper in September, 1978, and last season was probably my best ever. Now I would like to stay in the game, and I think I've a good reputation. My contract with Sunderland expires

next July, and our manager, Ken Knighton, wants me to stay at least until then.

"I believe that Ken, and Frank Clark, his assistant, are doing a great job at Sunderland and the club is set to go places. I would love to do a job here at Roker, but if my future lies elsewhere, so be it. I am getting some coaching under my belt, and when I have more experience, may set my sights on management."

Inspiration

Only 28, and showing definite leadership qualities as a player, Docherty's inspiration on the field will be sadly missed by Sunderland.

Born in Preston, Mick went as an apprentice to Chelsea, managed at that time by his father, the colourful Tommy Docherty. Then at 16, with his father anxious not to be accused of favouritism, Mick moved on to Burnley and was promoted to the first team at 17.

"I played for five years before I received a knee injury which almost finished any ideas of a long spell in football. I was told then that my chances of becoming fully recovered were slim, and the following two years of inactivity were the worst period of my life."

But showing the resilience that was a feature of his play, Docherty made a comeback, was transferred to Manchester City, and after nine months at Maine Road joined Sunderland — only to find the going far from easy at Roker.

A right-back, Mick was dropped, later involved in two switches of position, and finally proved himself a key-man in the Sunderland line up, leading a promotion bid which failed by a hairs-breadth on the very last day of 1978-79.

"We came so close to going up," he recalls. "I had been moved to sweeper, then midfield, where I enjoyed myself as a ballwinner who likes to score goals, and looked forward to doing this for Sunderland in the First Division.

"And we can finish in the top three this season. Oddly enough, our away record has been poor so far, in contrast to last term, but if the lads really put themselves out when they travel they can put this situation right."

Regarding Docherty's immediate future, he will be working with the juniors at Sunderland, and the possibilities of a benefit for him have unofficially been discussed. Meanwhile, the search for a worthy playing successor to the ebullient Scot at Roker could take some time.

Sunderland boss Ken Knighton summed it up accurately when he said: "It's an almost impossible task to replace Mick — doing so will cost us a fortune."



MICK DOCHERTY

THE second half of last season was something of an anti-climax for Wrexham — we had nothing to play for. But I predict that 1979-80 will be different."

The man who makes this forecast is Wrexham striker Dixie McNeil, summing up the chances of the Welsh club in their second term in Division Two after finishing in 15th place last May.

Dixie declares: "We must fancy ourselves to do better this time. Last winter, the end of the snow and ice left us in a position where no matter the results of our games, we couldn't win promotion nor be relegated.

"I think this knowledge affected our displays, and our fans, too, felt the last few weeks of the season were a let-down."

For McNeil himself, Wrexham's initial months in the Second Divi-



FIT AGAIN DIXIE MAKES A PROMISE

sion following their winning of the Division Three Championship were frustrating. An operation in the summer on damaged heel tendons forced him to miss pre-season training for the 1978-79 term, making it impossible for him to regain peak condition when the League programme started.

Says Dixie: "I lacked match practice, my timing was off and goals were hard to come by. Apart from my own lean patch, injuries to Steve Kenworth, Alan Dwyer, Mick Evans and Graham Whittle resulted in a spell in hospital for all of them.

"But the situation was much more favourable when we got under way for the start of this season. There weren't the injuries of a year earlier, there were new players such as Terry Darracott and Mick Vinter in the side, and we won matches by finishing strongly in the closing stages — last term we often faded late on.

"I reckon this attitude will help us during the next few months, especially if we can adopt it in away matches as well as at home. This is the way to compete in the promotion race."

In reviewing the contenders for

Dixie McNeil hammers in a goal against Newcastle — a side he thinks could clinch promotion this season.



Oldham paid £200,000 for the player they once rejected



KENNY CLEMENTS

who have been shown the door since the return of Big Mal.

"For me Oldham's interest and the picture Jimmy Frizzell painted in our talks were like a big door opening and offering me the chance to play first team football again. After Mal finally said I would always be second choice a move was the only decision possible."

Looking back, Clements has warm praise for City manager Tony Book. "He's a real gentleman. He always explained what he was doing and why, was very patient and willing to talk to a player about why he had been dropped — before he put the team list up.

"As I was being carried off the day I broke a leg, he told me not to worry, that he'd make sure I wouldn't be forgotten. He was as good as his word and kept me on first team bonus payments all the time I was injured."

Superficially

In fact, the irrepressible Clements made a fast recovery from that break. Now he is with Second Division Oldham Athletic. How do the two clubs — superficially worlds apart — compare?

"Make no bones about it," says Clements. "I've joined a club that's aiming for the First Division. I've also rejoined Bill Taylor.

"Taylor is a great trainer, he's one of the main reasons I joined The Latics. He's gradually making things more professional at Oldham. Bill had a serious operation recently. I certainly hope he makes a speedy recovery.

"I haven't had any problem fitting in at Oldham so far. I was born and live in Middleton near Oldham, so I haven't had to move house.

"The crowd gave me a wonderful reception on my debut against Preston.

"The lads are great too, not split into groups and clans like City — but all one big family. Although I've settled in well, each team has its own routines. For my first match I arrived at the ground, was changed and warming up by 2.15 as we did at City, but the Oldham lads hadn't even got their jackets off! They were all staring and John Hurst walked in and remarked how keen I was! There's a great atmosphere in the dressing-room.

"The only people I feel sorry for over my move are the kids in our road. They've all been City supporters up till now. One came up the other day and asked if Oldham played in sky blue so he wouldn't have to change his scarf! Before long they'll all be Latics fans!"

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HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11st 12lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chelsea, Fort Lauderdale Strikers (on loan)
MARRIED: No
CHILDREN: None (honest)
CAR: Cortina 2000E
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Tony Currie of Q.P.R.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Gordon McQueen of Manchester United
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Football League v. Scotland at Hampden Park, the Queen's Silver Jubilee game in 1977
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for the above game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing most of 1977/78 season through injury
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Greek Islands
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, seafoods and spaghetti.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Music, tennis and swimming
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Y-Fronts and unfriendly people
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Kenny Everett Video Show, Survival and the Streets of San Francisco
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Gladys Knight, Marvin Gaye, Eagles, Bee Gees and Fleetwood Mac.
BEST FRIEND: Mark Westwood, a photographer
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Paul Newman and Barbara Perkins
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Maurice Beard, my sports master at school. He entered me for every sporting event in town to strengthen me for football. Phew, cheers pal! He also gave me bags of encouragement and advice
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Carbolic soap at away matches
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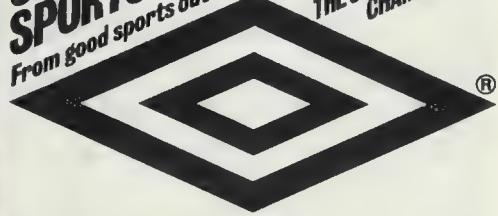
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Just ask the 8,000 fans at the Partick Thistle v. Kilmarnock League match this term or the thousands of armchair fans who witnessed the spectacular off-the-line safety-act when it was shown later on television.

A high ball was thrown into the Kilmarnock penalty-area and goalkeeper Alan McCulloch raced from his line as Thistle's Colin McAdam came charging in. McCulloch threw a desperate fist at the ball as McAdam connected to divert it towards goal.

Premature

The ball was floating high in the net as Clarke, facing his own goal, suddenly took off on an incredible acrobatic leap and bicycle-kicked McAdam's effort away from danger as the Thistle players and fans alike were already celebrating a premature goal!

"All I remember was coming back to earth with a bump," says centre-back Clarke. "I acted instinctively and I'm just glad it saved us from falling a goal behind."

In fact, if that header had crossed

HE was once described by Jock Stein as a youngster of "superb potential. A marvellous player with all the skills."

Celtic fans rated him as good as Jimmy Johnstone. Today that player is in Scotland's First Division after practically being given away by Celtic.

Brian McLaughlin is the player's name and he hit the headlines



Paul Clarke

set the line it would have been the only goal of the game and would have cost Kilmarnock a precious point in their battle for Premier Division survival.

Clarke is a good, steady defender who rarely takes the headlines, but his team-mates are quick to praise him.

Bolton head the list of teams from South of the border who have been impressed by the rugged Clarke's form this season.

He remains unaffected by his growing band of admirers. "I just try to do my best for Kilmarnock," he says. "They are my main consideration. Anything else after that is a bonus."

Confidence

Teams are finding it increasingly difficult to break down the Kilmarnock defence. Clarke is combining well with the no-nonsense Derrick McDicken in the heart of the defence and 'keeper McCulloch is beginning to gain in confidence.

In fact, Kilmarnock have a remarkable record for unearthing superb goalkeeping potential. Sandy McLaughlin, Campbell Forsyth, Bobby Ferguson, Ally Hunter and Jim Stewart have all guarded their goal and gone on to international honours.

McCulloch will be hoping to do likewise. And with a defender of the calibre of Paul Clarke around to lend a helping hand every now and again, he is a fortunate man indeed.

The last time Kilmarnock were in the Premier Division they were dynamited back into the First Division in one season as a torrent of goals cascaded into their net. That will not happen this time out... McCulloch and Clarke will make certain of that.

and the fantastic goal that stopped Hearts

things together after their disastrous start to the season, yet he could have been so easily at the top of the Premier tree with Celtic if luck had been kind to him.

Seven years ago he came into the Parkhead first team, playing wide on the right and his startlingly mature displays left the Celtic fans breathless with anticipation.

They looked at Kenny Dalglish and then Brian McLaughlin. Two youngsters of incredible skill, two golden nuggets of shining, pure soccer talent. Things went as expected for Dalglish... disaster struck McLaughlin.

He was seriously injured in a League match against Clyde when he was tackled from behind. He had to be carried off... and his Celtic career was ending there and then.

The injury took a long time to heal and when the player did return, he showed little of the promise of earlier games.

"My confidence had gone," says McLaughlin. "It's as simple as that. I knew I still had the ability, but I just didn't have the confidence to try anything."

When Danny McGrain was injured two seasons ago Jock Stein was looking for a natural right-back and he went for Ayr United's Joe Filippi.

A treat

Stein parted with £10,000 AND McLaughlin for Filippi, who is now on the Parkhead transfer list at around £30,000. The new setting, however, worked a treat for McLaughlin.

He was away from the pressures of being an Old Firm player. He settled down quickly with the part-time team and, game by game, his skills became apparent as his confidence grew and grew.

The Scottish international team boss was the first to acclaim McLaughlin's new found zest for

the game. "It's good to see the boy flourishing again," said Stein.

McLaughlin needed to start afresh and the challenge was one he tackled with grim determination. He won the First Division's Player of the Year award last season and a host of scouts and managers flocked to Somerset Park.

Against Hearts in the League Cup-tie at Somerset Park this season he scored a goal of world class standard. He pounced on a through ball, accelerated away from two defenders, jinked inside another challenge and then struck a firm, controlled shot from the edge of the penalty-area low into the net.

Now he is with Motherwell and continuing to mesmerise unfortunate defenders. He has given Motherwell the kiss of life. They are bubbling again.

McLaughlin has had a long wait to live up to those words of Jock Stein years ago. He is now making up for lost time.



Brian McLaughlin

once more this season when Ally MacLeod paid out £100,000 to Ayr United for his subtle midfield talents.

McLaughlin is now with Motherwell trying to help them to get

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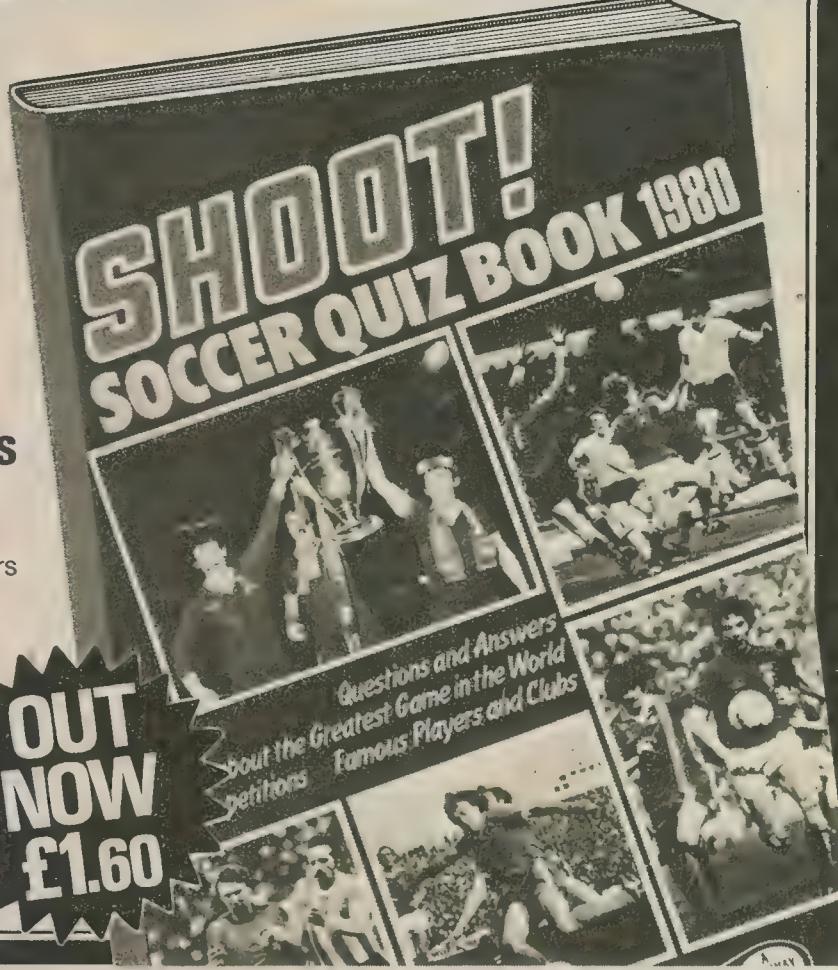
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It is at Cardiff that he has finally made his home. No longer one of the famous men involved in the day-to-day commitment of football — after losing his job at Cardiff, he made a brief but unsuccessful comeback as manager of Newport.

"My only direct contact is with Newcastle and that is based purely on years of close friendship with Bill McGarry. I do some scouting for him.

"Everywhere I go — and I see a tremendous number of games — I am made welcome. The only thing which upsets me is that, in conversations with managers about their clubs and their players, I realise how much I miss the daily involvement with running a club."

His greatest affection remains with Cardiff City. Three times, he came close to restoring them to the First Division; once he took them to the Semi-Finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup. They were marvellous years of excitement at Ninian Park.

"My greatest pleasure these days is seeing the players I took to the club now running it. I signed Richie Morgan and he is manager; I 'stole' Brian Harris from Everton for £11,000 in 1966 and he is back there as coach; I signed Bobby Woodruff and Don Murray and they are helping the youngsters in the reserve sides."

It has been six months since Jimmy Scouler played his last game — right up to his recent 54th birthday he was in high demand throughout Wales to play in charity matches. Now working as a representative for a chemical company, his active sporting interest is confined to bowls.

THE transfers of expensive stars like Andy Gray, Steve Daley, Mike Flanagan, Peter Barnes and Laurie Cunningham will be remembered for most of the season in England. The day when players started selling for more than a million pounds, will surely go down in the history of the game in this country.

But amid all the big money wheeling and dealing, there have also been some astute signings. Perhaps they have cost less money, perhaps managers haven't hit the headlines to the same extent as men like Malcolm Allison and John Barnwell. But despite that, some bosses are entitled to feel pleased with the signings they have made.

You might not think of Birmingham City as a place to find them. Relegated from Division One after a nightmare season last term, they have been trying gradually to rebuild their shattered club and confidence after their traumas. But the signings of two players, Archie Gemmill from Nottingham Forest and Colin Todd from Everton, proved that there was life in the body of Birmingham City.

The man who nipped in to snap up the players was Birmingham manager Jim Smith. And it was a tribute to his powers of persuasion that he landed both. Gemmill, a European Cup success last season for Forest, could have gone to other First Division clubs. Instead, he chose Birmingham and the Second Division.

'Potential'

Colin Todd, perhaps the victim of circumstances at Everton this season, had the chance to join fast improving Southampton. But he, too, chose Birmingham.

Why did they do it? Todd provides the answer. "As Archie explained in October 13's SHOOT, we both felt that there was a great deal of potential at Birmingham.

"They had their problems last season as everyone knows but there is every chance they will go back to the First Division either this season or next. They are a top club and the thought of a challenge stimulated us both.

"With Archie already here, it made my decision much easier. I know him as a man to relish a challenge so I knew there was something worthwhile happening here."

Todd was on his way from troubled Everton as soon as manager Gordon Lee told him: "There is no guarantee of a first team place on a regular basis." Todd explains that the problem lay in his style — "quite honestly, it clashed with that of Mike Lyons. It didn't matter too much last season because Mike was playing in a forward role for much of the time. But Lee made it clear he wanted to get a more settled side this season with Mike at the back.

"Mike was a right-sided player and so was I. So when one of us was playing on the left, we weren't at our best. Obviously, that couldn't go on forever.

"I gave a lot of careful thought to leaving Everton and the First Division. But what tipped it was Birmingham's challenge and also the

Birmingham's COLIN TODD aims to move back to Derby



Todd, originally from Sunderland and the North-East, spent six successful years at Derby. He has friends and contacts in the area and that will clearly be a bonus when he does finally finish playing. But in the meantime, he looks forward to a challenging season with Birmingham.

"Results have been up and down so far," he says. "We lost to Exeter at home in the League Cup and that was a great disappointment. But that happens when a side is trying to fit together; there are bound to be upsets. But I think in the long term, Birmingham's future will be a bright one.

"I hope we gain promotion this season. I would like to get straight back into the First Division because it's true what they say — it IS the best place to play."

'Problems'

Todd says he got on well with the other players at Goodison. "There were no problems in that respect. It was just on the park that things didn't work out for me.

"I think the main reason for their struggles is that they haven't been able to get a settled side. Any successful team must have that but it hasn't really happened at Goodison, for a variety of reasons.

"It will be a tough season for them as they try to settle. That may take some time but you can forget anything like relegation fears. They won't go down and in fact, I'd back them to finish inside the top eight.

"The boss, Gordon Lee, had to change his plans when players asked for transfers. He was unlucky because he'd settled on a 4-3-3 system with Dave Thomas a key figure on the wing. But when Thomas, like a couple of others, asked for moves, it had to be dropped and a 4-4-2 formation adopted. Getting used to such upheaval takes time.

"However, from my point of view, I wanted regular first team football and I'm sure I did the right thing coming here. I put a lot of thought into this move and I believe I did the right thing in accepting Birmingham's offer."

'Almost a



Tony Woodcock scored the vital goal in Sweden.

IT'S obvious the European Cup is going to be harder to retain than it was winning it.

Although Nottingham Forest beat Oesters Vaxjo 3-1 on aggregate to take our unbeaten European run to 11 matches, it was hardly a notable performance.

To be honest Forest fell far short of our usual standard against the Swedish Champions, a team almost unknown outside their own country.

Malmö, the club Forest beat in the European Cup Final last term have done most to put Sweden on the soccer map.

Ian Bowyer, whose goal in the Semi-Final in Cologne put Forest in the Final was the man we have to thank for starting us along the European trail this season.

In the first-leg against Oesters at the City Ground on September 19th, Ian, who has rescued Forest so many times in the past, eventually managed to find a way of beating a well-drilled, uncompromising defence to crack two goals.

For the first hour of the match, Forest struggled to

find their form. The Swedes' man-for-man marking system frustrated our efforts to break through.

Until Ian scored from 20 yards in the 62nd minute, following a fine run and cross from Tony Woodcock, there was a real danger of Oesters holding out for the draw they came for.

Tony had a fine game at the City Ground, despite a battering from Hallan who received the yellow card from the Cypriot referee after committing one foul too many.

After Ian scored a second just 16 minutes from time, Forest played something like the European Champions we are.

Suddenly the pressure was off and we surged forward with our usual power.

I even managed to add my weight up-front with a couple of runs down the flank.

We almost increased our lead near the end when Kenny Burns hit the bar.

Then Larry Lloyd headed home only to see his effort ruled out for offside.

So Forest won 2-0 but the result didn't please Brian Clough or Peter Taylor.

They gave the team a severe ver-

bal lashing after the match, which to be fair was no more than we deserved.

The boss said he thought two goals would be enough in the return, but I didn't. I knew the Swedes would make it difficult for us in the second-leg . . . and I was right.

Tony Woodcock popped up to score our vital goal just ten minutes from the end, just when Oesters were threatening to wipe out our slender lead.

The Swedes looked capable of giving us a real bashing when Tony headed home a superb cross from our young Gary Mills.

Really we should have scored before Oesters went ahead in the seventh minute of the second-half.

You can blame me for the goal. I was caught in two minds when the ball bounced in front of me. I lost it

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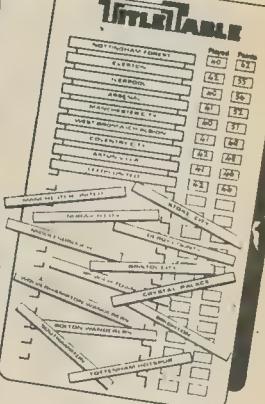
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Swede bashing for FOREST'

to their winger Mats Nordgren who had little trouble beating Peter Shilton.

Shilton had a tremendous game. Twice he had to race out of the penalty-area to break up attacks.

I had a bit of a nightmare. Apart from giving away the goal I was booked for kicking out at a lad in frustration.

The Swedes had impressed with their skill and hard-work, until Tony scored our goal. Then they started going in a bit wildly.

I won't go into detail about Brian Clough's reaction after the game, but he wasn't exactly happy with the team.

Okay, we didn't play well, but at least we won which is more than you can say for Liverpool who went out 4-2 on aggregate to Dinamo Tbilisi.

We heard the result from Georgia just before taking the field against Oesters.

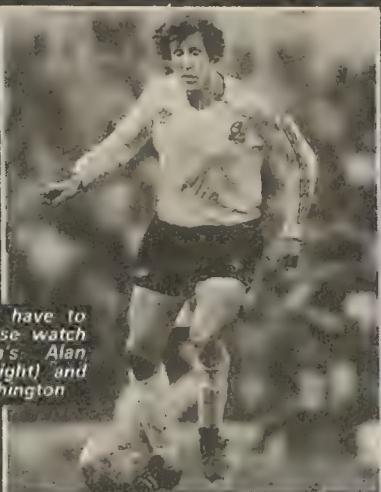
All the lads were stunned and sorry that the team we had hoped to meet in the Final went out so early in the competition.

At least Celtic got through. I understand they had very little trouble beating Partizani, the Albania Champions, at Parkhead.

A Forest Celtic Final... now that would be great.



Forest will have to keep a close watch on Bolton's Alan Gowling (right) and Frank Worthington



Last term at the City Ground we just managed to draw 1-1, thanks to a last minute Trevor Francis goal. Bolton haven't made too good a start to the season but are still capable of causing a few upsets.

With players such as Dave Clement, Frank Worthington, Alan Gowling and keeper Jim McDonagh in your team you've got to be treated with respect.

But I'm taking Forest to win this one. I don't want to receive another lecture from the boss thank you very much.

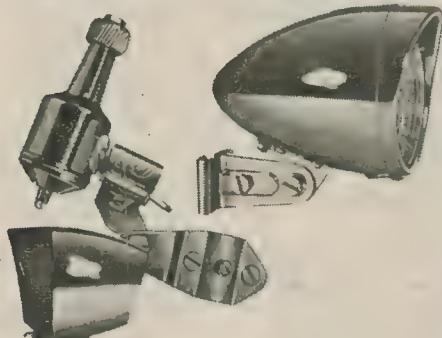
K. D. Burns

Kenny Burns hits the woodwork in the European Cup-tie against Oesters Vaxjo at the City Ground.



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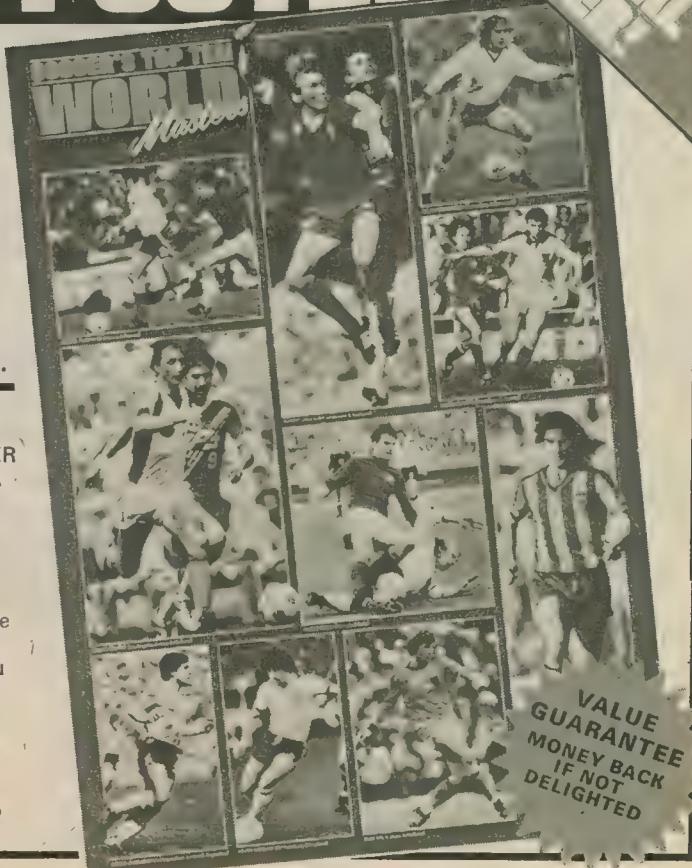
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THE RAT SENT-OFF AGAIN

ANTONIO Rattin has been sent-off yet again. After becoming famous by being ordered off against England in the 1966 World Cup, he's rarely been out of the news, even since he retired from active football and took up management. But even as a manager "The Rat" still sees the red card now and again.

The latest one was in the 75th minute of his team's 1-3 defeat by Atlanta, when the Gimnasia boss was dismissed for "verbal excesses".

Some people never learn!

In the ten-club Austrian Oberliga, there are only 81 full-time professionals. Champions FK Austria (Vienna) have 15; Admira/Wacker (also in the capital) have 14; neighbours SC Rapid and VOEST Linz have 13 each and FK Austria (Salzburg) have 12. This means that the other seven clubs have a lot of part-timers.



★ New Argentina superstar Diego Maradona (stripes) did not play on the World Champions' recent mini-tour of Europe. He helped his country win the Junior World Championship in Japan, but as he's doing his military service, the Army wouldn't extend his leave.

HIS BOOTS WEREN'T MADE FOR SCORING

MONACO'S Argentinian striker Delio Onnis is once again at the head of the French scoring charts. But the chunky Argentinian surprised all and sundry by scoring twice against Lens with headers, not his normal strong point.

"I forgot my boots," explains Onnis, "so I had to borrow a pair. They fitted so badly that I was embarrassed to try a shot . . ."

BIG BONUSES

IF Bayern Munich do not win something in West Germany this season it will not be because the club have not offered their players sufficient incentive. For an away win each Bayern player will receive a bonus of £1,000 and an away draw £500. For home wins the bonus is £750 and a home draw £250. On top of that if Bayern win the Bundesliga each player will receive an extra £12,500 and an extra £7,500 if they win the F.A. Cup.

★ In the recent Czech League game between Banik and Trnava, Knapp of Banik scored his 100th League goal against goalkeeper Keketi, playing his 200th League match.

BLACK MAGIC WINS

THE macumba, or witchcraft, is practised widely in Brazil especially amongst the lesser educated people, footballers from the interior being especially prone to the creed. In Campina Grande the Botafogo team were considered as certainties for the title by all except the masseur of the second placed club, Campinense, as Botafogo could afford to lose the match by one goal and still be Champions.

The match was played with great fervour, and Campinense were thwarted by Salvino, Botafogo's goalkeeper, who was having a great game, being responsible for the 0-0 draw at half-time.

This was when the Campinense

masseur Lima decided to "help" his team by the use of the "Black arts". He instructed centre-forward Joaozinho to go down feigning injury close to keeper Salvino.

As expected, the referee called Lima on to attend to his player; Lima ran on and produced then a dead frog (which signifies bad luck for footballers) with Salvino's name written on it.

Lima was immediately sent-off by referee Wright. However, it was too late, and the damage had been done, Salvino was completely demoralised and let in two easy goals, Campinense winning the match 3-1 and the League!

Later the supporters of Campinense carried masseur Lima in triumph!



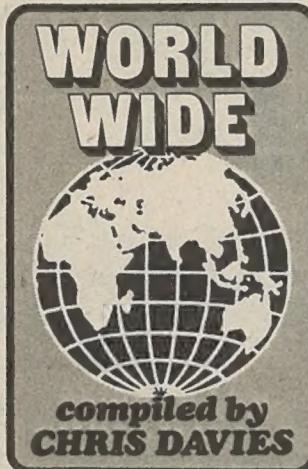
UDO LATTEK, the coach who led both Bayern Munich and Borussia Mönchengladbach to the Bundesliga Championship and was Bayern's coach when they first won the European Cup, changed clubs during the summer, joining Borussia Dortmund. After the first match, a 1-0 win away to Eintracht Frankfurt his new club were so impressed that they extended his contract by one year at a salary of £5,250 a month.

Bad investment

REMEMBER how SHOOT told you last year about "millionaire" Johan Cruyff's business problems and wondered whether he'd be obliged to return from retirement to earn some more cash?

As everybody knows, the Dutch ace is back in action with Los Angeles Aztecs, and now one of his major investments in Spain (a pig farm in the Pyrenees) is up for sale.

The problem is that the company has debts totalling £2,850,000 and doesn't seem like much of an investment!



ELEVEN Dutch First Division clubs reported a drop in attendances for 1978/79; Feyenoord were the best supported club with an average of 27,000. FC Amsterdam, incidentally, play in the 65,000-capacity Olympic Stadium and their average was just 1,100.

NOT WANTED— SOLD FOR £250,000!

THERE was a strange situation in Seville, where Sevilla's star midfielder Rubio suddenly declared that he wasn't popular with the rest of the squad; that he wasn't at all happy with the club; and that the best thing the club could do was to give him a free transfer.

At the same time, he refused categorically to attend training sessions until his demands were met.

The Spanish club had an emergency board meeting to discuss Rubio's attitude, and decided to apply one of the Spanish F.A.'s rules concerning misconduct whereby Rubio is suspended without pay for a whole season!

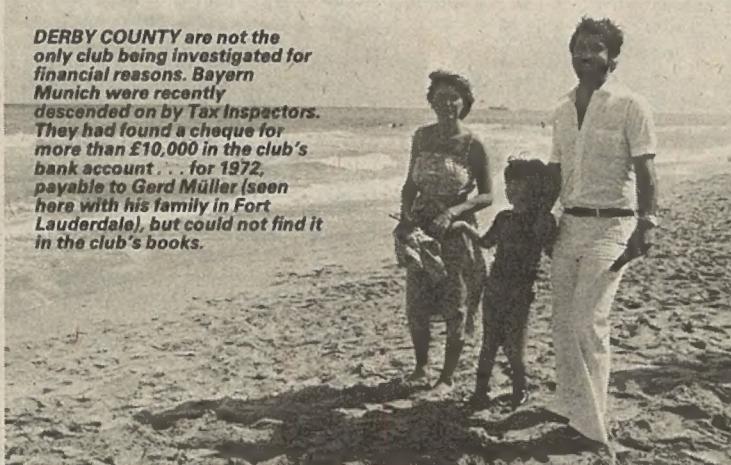
The odd thing is that Rubio had only just signed a new four-year contract with the club! And even odder, a few days later he was sold to Barcelona for £250,000!

News flashes

● Incredible—but typical, I'm afraid to say—start to the Italian League. Of the opening eight matches no fewer than seven were draws—five of them goal-less! Inter Milan's 2-0 win over Pescara was the only "result" and means that they were the only team with a 100 per cent record after one game!

● Several French clubs, notably Olympique Lyon and last season's Champions Strasbourg, are conducting a vigorous campaign in a bid to improve the poor standard of French referees.

● World Champions Argentina will play a special match in Peking against the People's Republic of China to celebrate their membership to FIFA in March, 1980.



TERRY Gennoe, Southampton's first choice goalkeeper at the start of this season, is one-up on his manager Lawrie McMenemy. Gennoe, who has had spells at several clubs, is the subject of one of McMenemy's jokes.

"He knows more people and clubs in the game than I do," jokes McMenemy. And perhaps Southampton's boss has a point.

Goalkeeper Gennoe, in fine form at the beginning of the term, has certainly been one of football's travellers. He joined Southampton for a £35,000 fee from Halifax Town two seasons back.

But as well as being at Halifax, Shrewsbury-born Gennoe had spells on loan at Bury (where he was on permanent forms), Blackburn Rovers and Leeds United (two clubs where he was on loan). When he moved South, it seemed as though he were merely extending his travel experience of

TERRY GENNOE- Southampton's surprise buy

the League's football clubs.

But Gennoe has had the last laugh. He has settled so well at The Dell and in Hampshire life generally, that he now plans to stay in the county even when his footballing days are over.

"I can't see us moving back up North," he says — "we like it too much down here. It's a lovely area and things have gone really well for me so far at The Dell."

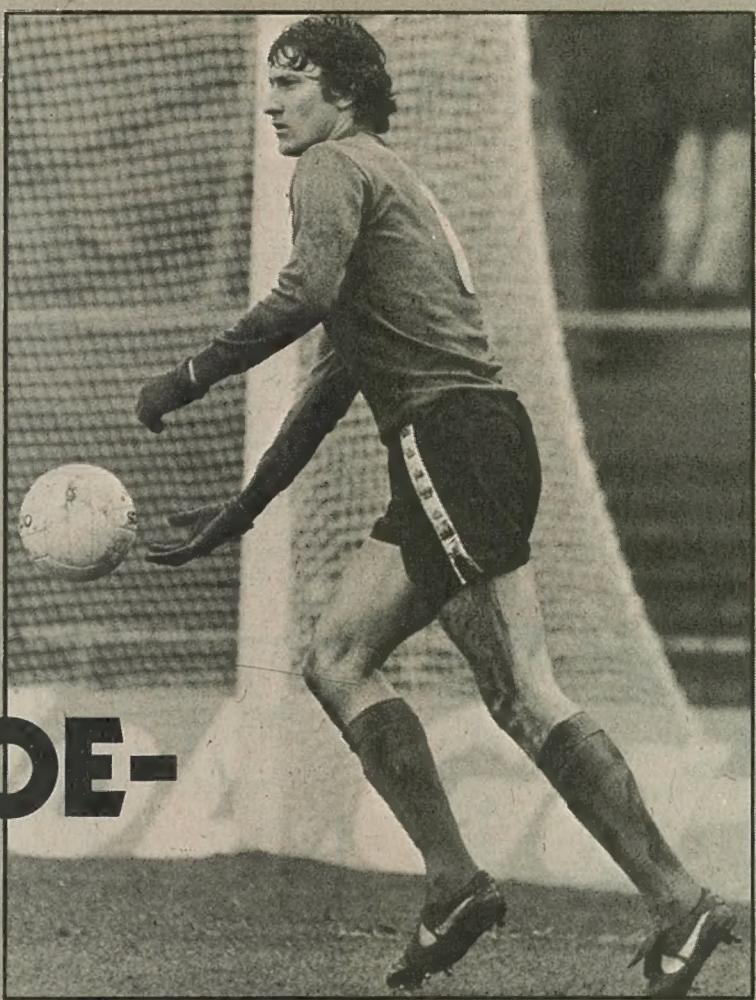
Gennoe was one of McMenemy's surprise buys. Saints manager is quite used to springing surprises on the football world and Gennoe certainly arrived out of the blue.

"Terry who?" groaned most Saints fans when Gennoe arrived from the Yorkshire club Halifax Town. But Gennoe has since converted the doubters to his own side, such has been his consistency and form.

To return to that joke, Gennoe admits: "Everywhere I go, I seem to know people. It is funny but it's also true. But I am glad I am settled here. This is a fine club to be with and I am enjoying life."

Gennoe, however, hasn't had things easy. He had to leave Bury because he broke a leg, lost his chance of a regular first team spot and couldn't get John Forrest out, when he was fit again. "I had to leave to find first team football," he says. "I played 75 games for Halifax before Lawrie McMenemy came in for me. It was a move right out of the blue . . . I had no idea he had watched me."

"The transfer was incredible considering what happened when he did watch me. Graham Taylor, the Watford manager was also



there — it was at Southend one night in a Division Four game. We lost 5-0 and I thought my chances of impressing anyone enough to make them buy me, had gone. But Lawrie wasn't put off."

When Gennoe first went to The Dell, Wells was the first choice 'keeper and Saints were on the verge of clinching promotion to the First Division. "I didn't get a look-in because it was near the end of the season anyway," says Gennoe. "The team was winning and Peter was playing well."

"I got my chance the next season at Derby, even though I didn't expect to get in so soon. But I had a good run, staying in the side for 35 matches until we played Birmingham and I got a knock from Tarantini. I'd describe his challenge on me as a late 50-50 one; anyway, I didn't play again that season."

'Sympathise'

This season, however, Gennoe has been the clear first choice. "Peter has been in the stiffs and I sympathise with him," says Gennoe. "We're the best of mates and always room together when we're away together on trips. I think I got the decision by a short head on the pre-season games but I don't count on anything with Peter around."

"I think it's important to have competition for places. It is a challenge all the time for me to keep playing well to stay in the side. If you are under no sort of pressure, it doesn't spur you on quite so much. But as it is, there is a big incentive for both of us to do

well when we're in the first team with the other one breathing down the neck of which ever one is in the senior side."

Gennoe refuses to accept the general view of soccer that it's a surprise to see Saints so close to the top after the first few matches. "It's a surprise to most people because they don't normally see us up there," he says. "We have some good players and if we are consistent we will stay up there all season, too. It's really a case now of fighting for consistency because we are capable of beating the best."

"I don't think we are panicking like we used to. When we beat Spurs at home this season it was a good example of how we have matured. We were twice behind and might have panicked in previous seasons. But we didn't, just kept plugging away and eventually scored in a rush to win comfortably. Patience got us a result that day and proved that is the way to go about situations like that."

"We have grown up as a team. Our good run in the League Cup last season when we reached the Final, taught us a lot. Now we hope we can go on from strength to strength in the League. That is the true test and we hope we are ready for it. Players like Channon and Ball have given us experience and depth. But remember, we beat Liverpool early in the season without either of them so it showed we had plenty of others who could play."

This season is a challenge for both Saints and Terry Gennoe. Don't be surprised if they both succeed.

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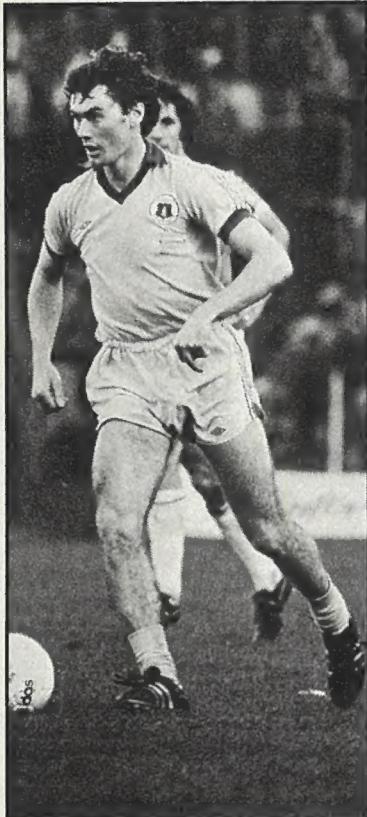
1. Dave Thomas (right) was transferred from Everton to which club for £400,000?

2. St Mirren progressed to the Semi-Finals of the Anglo/Scottish Cup when they knocked out Bolton. Was the aggregate score 3-2, 4-3 or 5-4?

3. Will an England XI, Scotland XI or Wales XI play Ipswich Town at Portman Road on Tuesday, November 13th in a testimonial game for manager Bobby Robson?

4. Peterborough were dealt a 4-0 drubbing by which First Division club in a League Cup Third Round replay?

5. Swindon pulled off a giant-killing act in another replay when they beat Stoke 2-1. Where was the game played?



6. Derby County paid £150,000 for which Coventry City defender recently?

7. Bristol City's Chris Garland (left) was recently put on the transfer list. Was the asking price £100,000, £150,000 or £200,000?

8. Can you name the former Southampton, Fulham, Brentford and Bristol Rovers manager who recently announced his retirement as chief scout of Rovers?

EUROPEAN CUPS

The First Round, second-legs of the European Cups competitions were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

9. Liverpool were eliminated by Dynamo Tbilisi on an aggregate score of 3-2, 4-2 or 5-2?

10. True or false? Wrexham forced Magdeburg to extra-time but lost 7-5 on aggregate?

11. What was the half-time score between Celtic and Partizani Tirana?

12. Which West Brom striker was sent-off during the half-time interval against Carl Zeiss Jena?

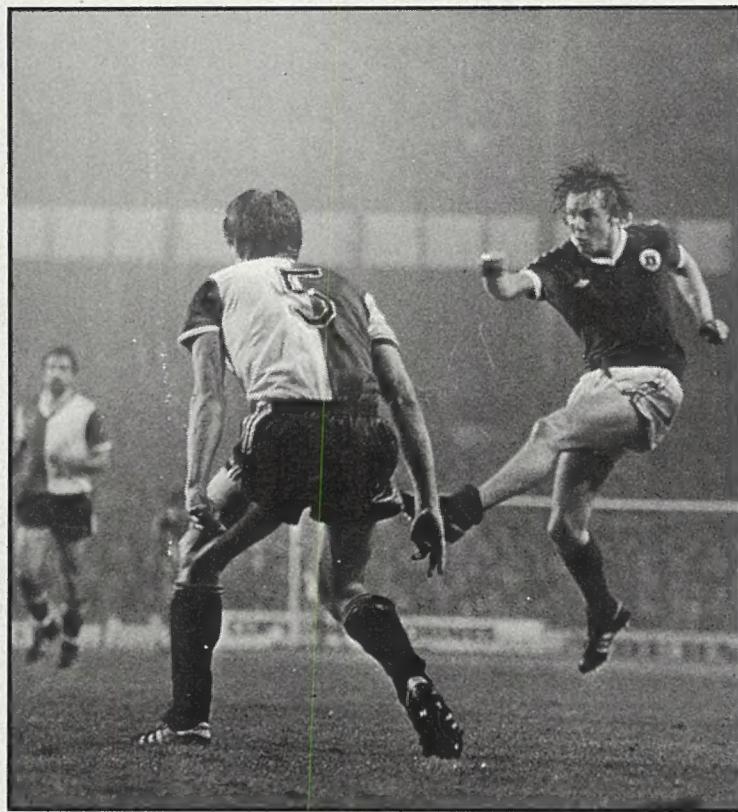
13. Ipswich Town beat Skeid Oslo 10-1, 11-1 or 12-1 on aggregate?

14. Feyenoord's substitute Buding scored their winning goal against Everton (below, dark shirts) in the first or second-half at Goodison Park?

15. Who scored European Cup-holders Nottingham Forest's goal in their 1-1 draw with Sweden's Oesters Vaxjo?

16. Did West German international Bernd Holzenbein, or Jurgen Grabowski score Eintracht Frankfurt's winning goal against Aberdeen in the U.E.F.A. Cup in West Germany?

17. Kevin Keegan inspired Hamburger SV to a 5-1 aggregate win against Valpur. Were their opponents from Norway, Sweden or Iceland?



ANSWERS:

1. Wolves. 2. 5-4. 3. England. 4. Bristol City. 5. Swindon. 6. Keith Osbald. 7. £150,000. 8. Bill Dobbins. 9. 4-2. 10. True. 11. 4-1 to Celtic. 12. Ally Brown. 13. 10-1. 14. Second-half. 15. Tony Woodcock. 16. Holzenbein. 17. Iceland.

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